

Supporting Information

Phosphine-Catalyzed Domino Reaction: A Novel Sequential [2 +3] and [3 + 2] Annulation Reaction of γ -Substituent Allenates to Construct Bicyclic[3, 3, 0]octene Derivatives

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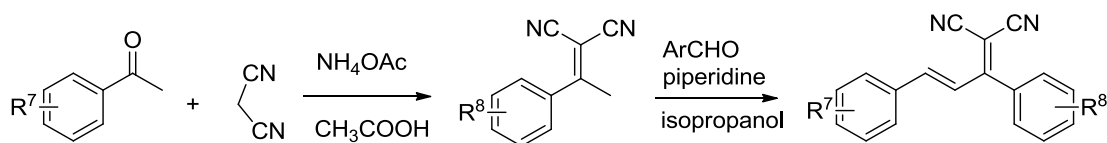
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I. General Information

All the solvents were used without further purification. The ^1H NMR and spectra was recorded at 400MHz, ^{13}C NMR was recorded at 100MHz. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Chemical shifts were calibrated to tetramethylsilane as an external reference. Coupling constants are given in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; HRMS were obtained on an IonSpec FT-ICR mass spectrometer with ESI resource. Melting points were measured on a RY-I apparatus and are reported uncorrected.

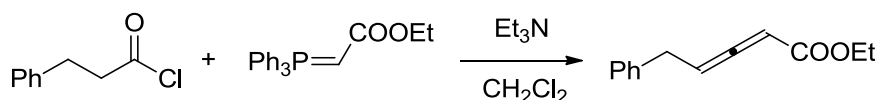
II. General procedure for the (*E*)-2-(1,3-diarylallylidene)malononitrile 1.



Malononitrile (32 mmol) and the ketone (28 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL of toluene containing ammonium acetate (500 mg, 6.5 mmol) and glacial acetic acid (2 mL) in a 50 ml flask. By refluxing vigorously, the water formed in the reaction was removed by a Dean and Stark trap placed under the reflux condenser. Evaporation of the toluene left a residue.^[1]

2-(1-Phenylethylidene)malononitrile (0.334 g, 2.14 mmol), aldehydes (2.35 mmol), piperidine (0.214 mmol) were stirred in 2-propanol (2 mL) at 343 K for 24 h. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solution was filtered to obtain a yellow solid. Recrystallization from hot ethanol afforded the pure compound 1.^[2]

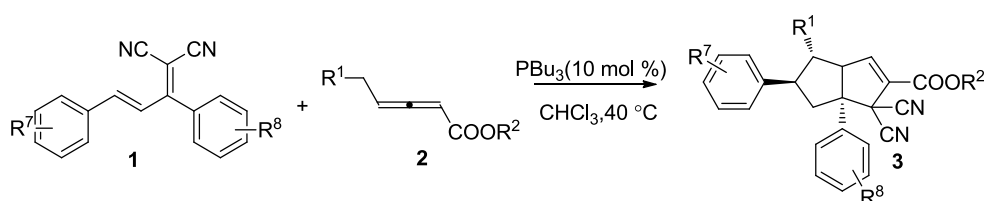
III. Synthesis of 5-Phenyl-penta-2,3-dienoic acid ethyl ester 2.



Allenoate 2 is a known compound and synthesized according to a similar method developed by Hansen.^[3] To a solution of (ethoxycarbonylmethylene)-triphenylphosphorane (0.1 mol,) in dichloromethane (400 mL) was added 1.1 equivalent of triethylamine (0.11 mol,). After stirred for about 15 minutes, 1.1 equivalent of 3-phenylpropanoyl chloride (0.11 mol,) was added dropwise.

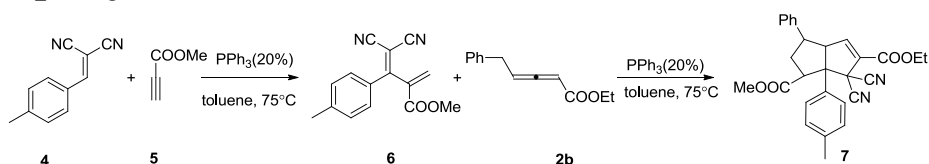
Then the reaction mixture was allowed to be warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was carefully evaporated to remove most of the solvent, and the residue was extracted by petroleum ether (b.p. 30 - 60 °C, 5 × 100 mL). The combined extracting was concentrated and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (eluant: 5% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to provide the allenolate **1** as yellow oil.^[4]

IV. General procedure for the synthesis of [3.3.0]bicyclic derivatives **3**.



To a dry flask filled with nitrogen were added **1** (0.3 mmol) and **2** (0.4 mmol) in 2 mL CHCl₃ under N₂ atmosphere. PBu₃ (0.06 mmol) was added. This solution was stirred at 40 °C until the complete consumption of the starting material as monitored by TLC. After the removal of the solvent, the residue was subjected to chromatography on a silica gel (60 - 120 mesh) column using 10:1 petroleum ether –ethyl acetate solvent mixture as eluent to afford **3**.

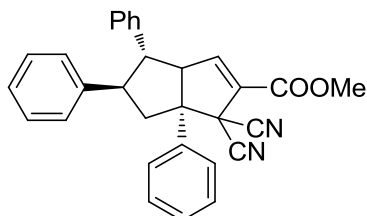
V. General procedure for a pot synthesis of [3.3.0]bicyclic derivatives **7**.



To a dry flask filled were added **4** (0.3 mmol) and PPh₃ (0.06 mmol) in 7 mL Toluene under N₂ atmosphere. And **5** in 3 mL Toluene (0.6 mmol) was dropwised slowly over 2h. This solution was stirred at 75 °C until the complete consumption of the starting material as monitored by TLC. **2b** (0.6 mmol) and PPh₃ (0.06 mmol) were added under the same temperature. After the complete consumption of the starting material as monitored by TLC, the removal of the solvent. And the residue was subjected to chromatography on a silica gel (60 - 120 mesh) column using 10:1 petroleum ether –ethyl acetate solvent mixture as eluent to afford **7**.

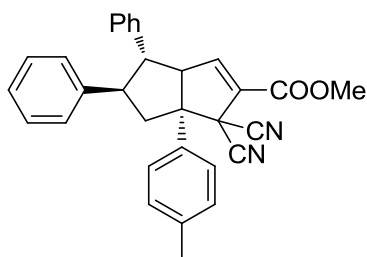
VI. Analytical Data for Compounds.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-4,5,6a-triphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate **3a**.



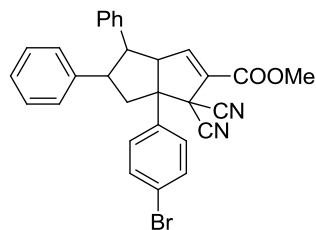
white solid. mp: 87-88°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.23 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.11 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.71 – 2.58 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 153.2, 141.0, 139.4, 138.5, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 113.2, 112.9, 77.5, 77.1, 76.8, 65.4, 60.4, 57.0, 53.0, 50.6, 50.2, 46.2 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3061, 3030, 2955, 1727, 1642, 1265, 742, 700$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 467.1730, found 467.1731.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-4,5-diphenyl-6a-(p-tolyl)-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate **3b**.



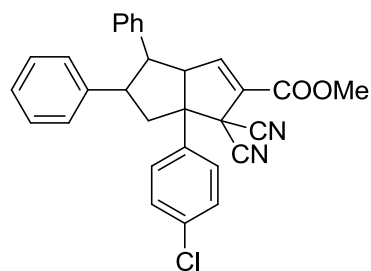
White solid; mp: 196-197 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.25 (t, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.34 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.19 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 153.3, 141.1, 139.5, 139.2, 135.4, 130.3, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 113.3, 113.0, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 65.2, 60.5, 57.1, 53.0, 50.7, 50.3, 46.1, 21.2 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3061, 3030, 2954, 1726, 1642, 1264, 738, 700$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 481.1886, found 481.1885.

methyl 6a-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate **3c**.



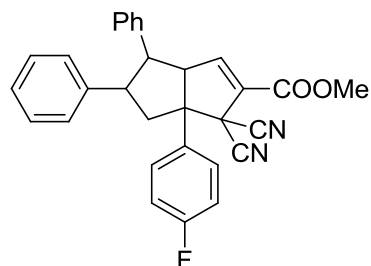
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methyl 6a-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydro-pentalene-2-carboxylate 3d.



White solid, mp: 205-206 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (s, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.29 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 3.00 (dd, J = 12.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 152.9, 140.8, 139.1, 137.0, 135.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 113.0, 112.8, 77.5, 77.1, 76.8, 65.0, 60.7, 56.9, 53.1, 50.4, 50.1, 46.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2964, 1736, 1720, 1639, 736, 705 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{ClNa}^+$ 501.1340, found 501.1343.

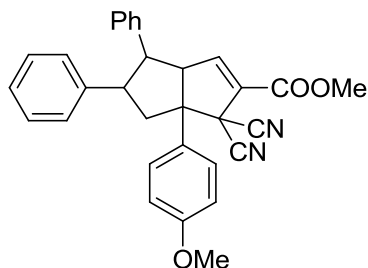
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White solid; mp: 205-206 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H),

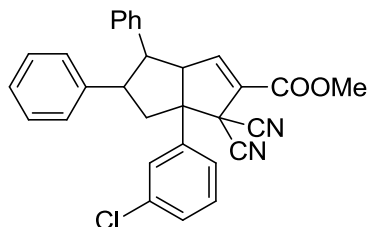
4.16 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.23 (qd, $J = 11.2, 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (dd, $J = 12.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, $J = 22.6, 10.1$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3, 161.8, 161.2, 153.0, 140.9, 139.2, 134.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 113.1, 112.8, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 65.0, 60.9, 56.9, 53.0, 50.6, 50.2, 46.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3077, 3030, 2955, 1728, 1644, 1265, 742, 701$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{FNa}^+$ 485.1636, found 485.1635.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-6a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3f.



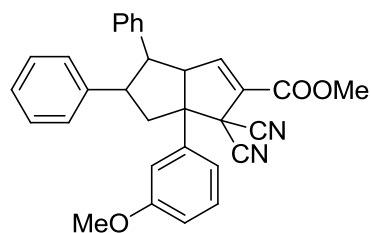
White solid; mp: 215-216 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, $J = 19.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.28 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 3.04 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.52 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 160.1, 153.3, 141.2, 139.5, 130.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 113.3, 113.0, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 65.0, 60.8, 57.1, 55.4, 52.9, 50.8, 50.4, 46.0 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3030, 2955, 1726, 1642, 1254, 739, 701$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 497.1836, found 497.1836.

methyl 6a-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3g.



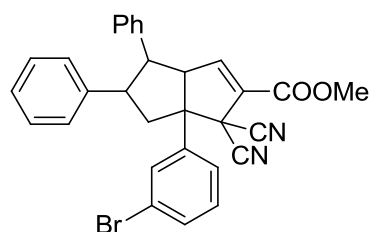
White solid; mp: 220-221 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 10.8, 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.29 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 18.8, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.59 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 152.8, 140.6, 139.0, 130.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 125.5, 112.9, 112.7, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 65.1, 60.7, 56.9, 53.0, 50.3, 50.0, 46.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3030, 2955, 1726, 1642, 1252, 739, 701$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{ClNa}^+$ 501.1340, found 501.1341.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-6a-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3h.



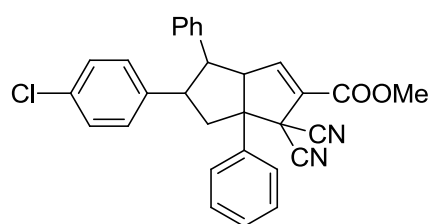
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methyl 6a-(3-bromophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3i.



White solid; mp: 214-215 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 8.0, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.30 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.57 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 152.7, 140.9, 140.6, 139.0, 132.5, 129.2, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 112.9, 112.6, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 65.1, 60.7, 56.9, 53.0, 50.3, 49.9, 46.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3063, 3030, 2954, 1726, 1643, 1265, 738, 700$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{BrNa}^+$ 545.0835, found 545.0832.

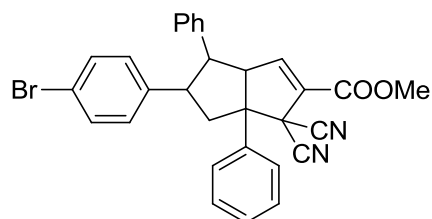
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White solid; mp: 186-187 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 3H), 3.30 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.53 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 152.9, 140.6, 138.4, 137.9, 132.9, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 113.2, 112.8, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 65.4, 60.3, 57.2, 53.0, 50.6, 49.7, 45.9 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3030, 2954, 1727, 1643,$

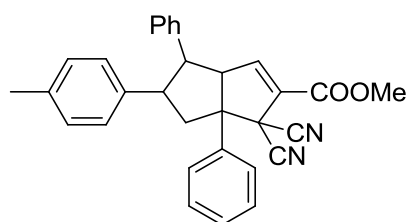
1264,739, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{ClNa}^+$ 501.1340, found 501.1339.

methyl 5-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3k.



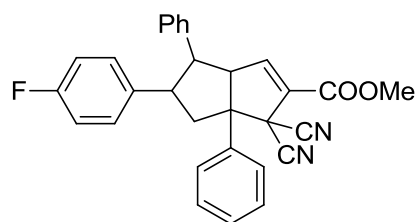
White solid; mp: 187-188 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 4.36 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 4H), 3.25 – 3.10 (m, 3H), 3.08 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.63 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 152.9, 140.5, 138.4, 138.3, 131.7, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 121.0, 113.2, 112.8, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 65.4, 60.3, 57.2, 53.0, 50.6, 49.8, 45.8 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3030, 2954, 1727, 1643, 1264, 739, 700$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{BrNa}^+$ 545.0835, found 545.0838.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3l.



White solid; mp: 95-96 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 8.6, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.35 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 3.03 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 153.2, 141.1, 138.6, 136.8, 136.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 113.2, 112.9, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 65.4, 60.4, 57.0, 53.0, 50.6, 49.8, 46.3, 21.0 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3060, 3029, 2954, 1727, 1642, 1264, 744, 702$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 481.1886, found 481.2007.

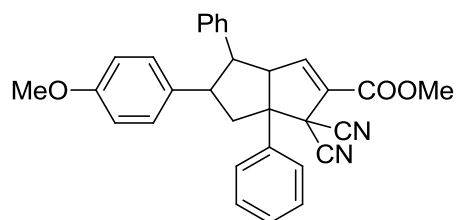
methyl 1,1-dicyano-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-4,6a-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3m.



White solid; mp: 229-230 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dd,

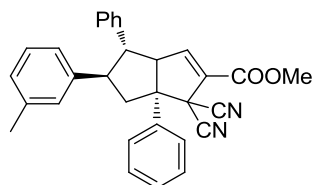
$J = 8.1, 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.26 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 11.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, $J = 12.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.1, 161.2, 160.6, 153.0, 140.7, 138.4, 135.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 115.5, 115.3, 113.2, 112.8, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 65.3, 60.3, 57.4, 53.0, 50.6, 49.6, 46.0 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3031, 2955, 1726, 1643, 1263, 740, 702$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{FNa}^+$ 485.1636, found 485.1637.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6a-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3n.



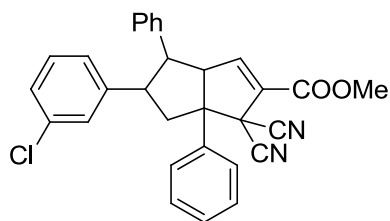
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methyl 1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-5-(m-tolyl)-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3o.



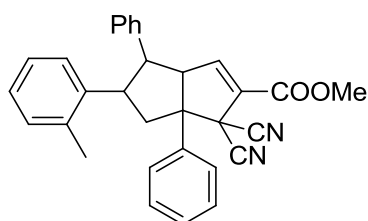
White solid. mp: 174-175 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.30 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 12.3, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 153.3, 141.1, 139.3, 138.5, 138.2, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 124.3, 113.2, 112.9, 77.5, 77.1, 76.8, 65.4, 60.4, 56.8, 53.0, 50.6, 50.1, 46.4, 21.4 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3061, 3030, 2954, 1727, 1643, 1263, 744, 700$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 481.1886, found 481.1895.

methyl 5-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3p.



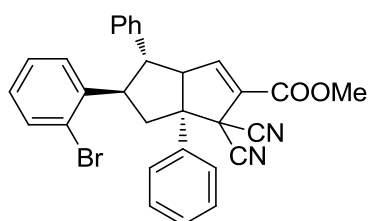
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methyl 1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-5-(o-tolyl)-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3q.



White solid. mp: 89-90°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 14.6, 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 4.27 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.16 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 153.2, 141.0, 138.4, 137.3, 136.5, 130.6, 129.7, 129.4, 129.0, 127.4, 127.4, 127.1, 126.8, 126.5, 125.0, 113.1, 113.0, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 65.4, 60.3, 56.1, 53.0, 50.6, 46.5, 46.4, 19.3 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3029, 2954, 1726, 1642, 1265, 739, 701$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 481.1886, found 481.1887.

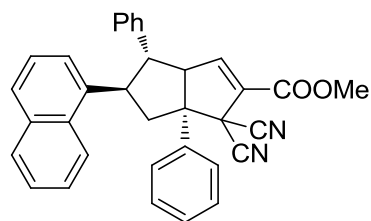
methyl 5-(2-bromophenyl)-1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3r.



White solid; mp: 171-172°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.86 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.51 (dd, $J = 11.2, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 12.3, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (t, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 152.9, 140.2, 138.1, 133.3, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 125.4, 113.1, 112.8, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 65.3, 60.5, 54.3, 53.0, 50.4, 48.5, 46.1 ppm; IR

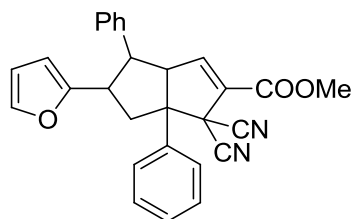
(KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3062, 3030, 2954, 1725, 1642, 1263, 751, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrO}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 545.0835, found 545.0837.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-6a-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3s.



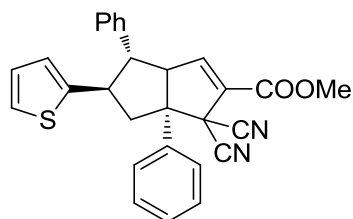
White solid; mp: 117-118°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.71 (dd, J = 16.9, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.35 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 4.24 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.84 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 17.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 153.1, 140.8, 138.6, 134.9, 133.9, 132.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 125.6, 125.5, 122.6, 122.3, 113.1, 112.9, 77.5, 77.1, 76.8, 65.4, 60.2, 54.0, 53.0, 50.5, 47.3, 44.9 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3061, 3032, 2954, 1725, 1642, 1264, 740, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 517.1886, found 517.1889.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-5-(furan-2-yl)-4,6a-diphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3t.



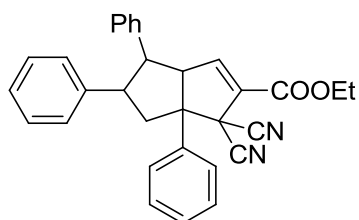
White solid; mp: 195-197 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.25 – 6.13 (m, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.40 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (tt, J = 19.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 153.1, 153.0, 141.7, 140.8, 138.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 113.1, 112.8, 110.2, 106.2, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 65.6, 59.9, 54.1, 53.0, 50.4, 44.5, 43.7 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3062, 3031, 2954, 1726, 1643, 1252, 739, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 457.1523, found 457.1529.

methyl 1,1-dicyano-4,6a-diphenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3u.



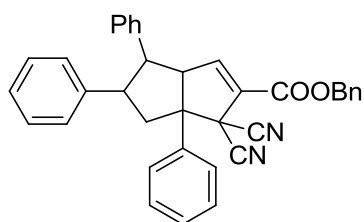
White solid; mp: 187-188 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 22.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, $J = 15.3, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 152.9, 143.2, 140.6, 138.3, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 126.8, 124.4, 123.8, 113.1, 112.8, 77.6, 77.3, 76.9, 65.4, 60.3, 57.8, 53.0, 50.6, 47.1, 45.5 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3063, 3031, 2954, 1726, 1643, 1252, 739, 701$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{SNa}^+$ 473.1294, found 473.1301.

ethyl 1,1-dicyano-4,5,6a-triphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3v.



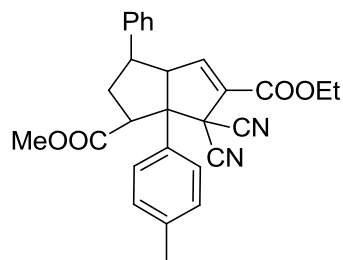
White solid; mp: 120-121 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.52 (dt, $J = 19.9, 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.44 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.39 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 3.15 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.66 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.33 (m, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 152.9, 141.1, 139.4, 138.6, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 113.3, 113.0, 77.6, 77.3, 76.9, 65.4, 62.4, 60.4, 57.0, 50.7, 50.2, 46.2, 14.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3062, 3030, 2957, 1721, 1642, 1249, 745, 699$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 481.1886, found 481.1889.

benzyl 1,1-dicyano-4,5,6a-triphenyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-2-carboxylate 3w.



White solid; mp: 204-205 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 14.8, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.22 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, $J = 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, $J = 9.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 153.3, 141.0, 139.3, 138.5, 134.7, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 113.2, 112.9, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 68.1, 65.4, 60.4, 56.9, 50.6, 50.2, 46.2 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3061, 3031, 2955, 1727, 1643, 1265, 743, 700$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 543.2043, found 543.2040.

5-ethyl 1-methyl 6,6-dicyano-3-phenyl-6a-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydropentalene-1,5-dicarboxylate 7.



White solid; mp: 197-198 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.36 (dt, J = 11.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dt, J = 24.8, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.3, 160.5, 152.4, 140.8, 138.8, 133.9, 129.1, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.9, 113.1, 113.0, 77.6, 77.3, 76.9, 71.1, 62.7, 62.4, 52.0, 49.6, 47.2, 36.2, 21.1, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3061, 3030, 2954, 1729, 1646, 1262, 741, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$ 477.1785, found 477.1794.

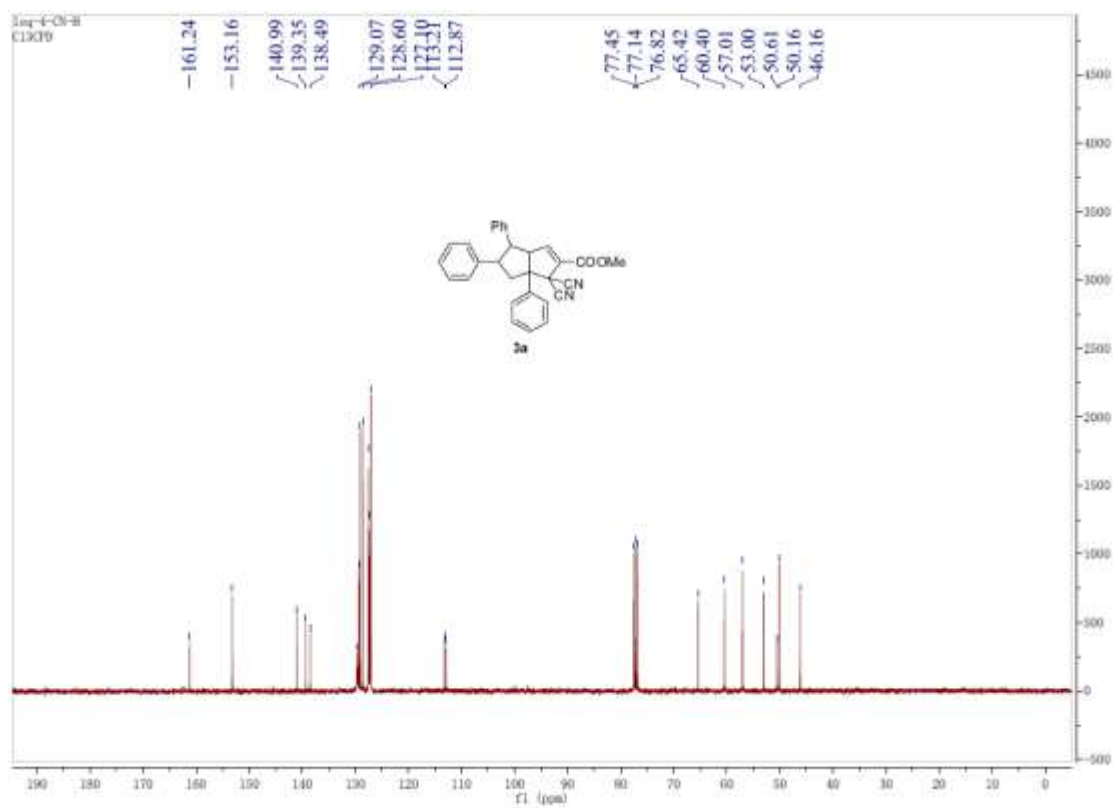
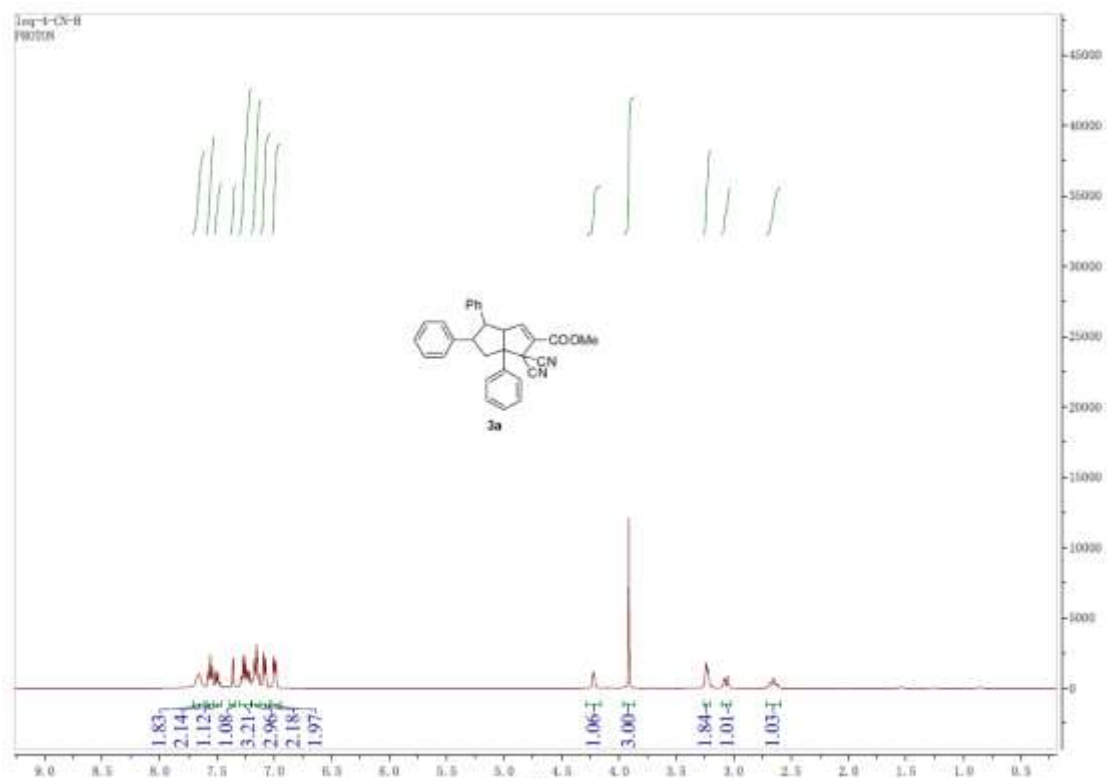
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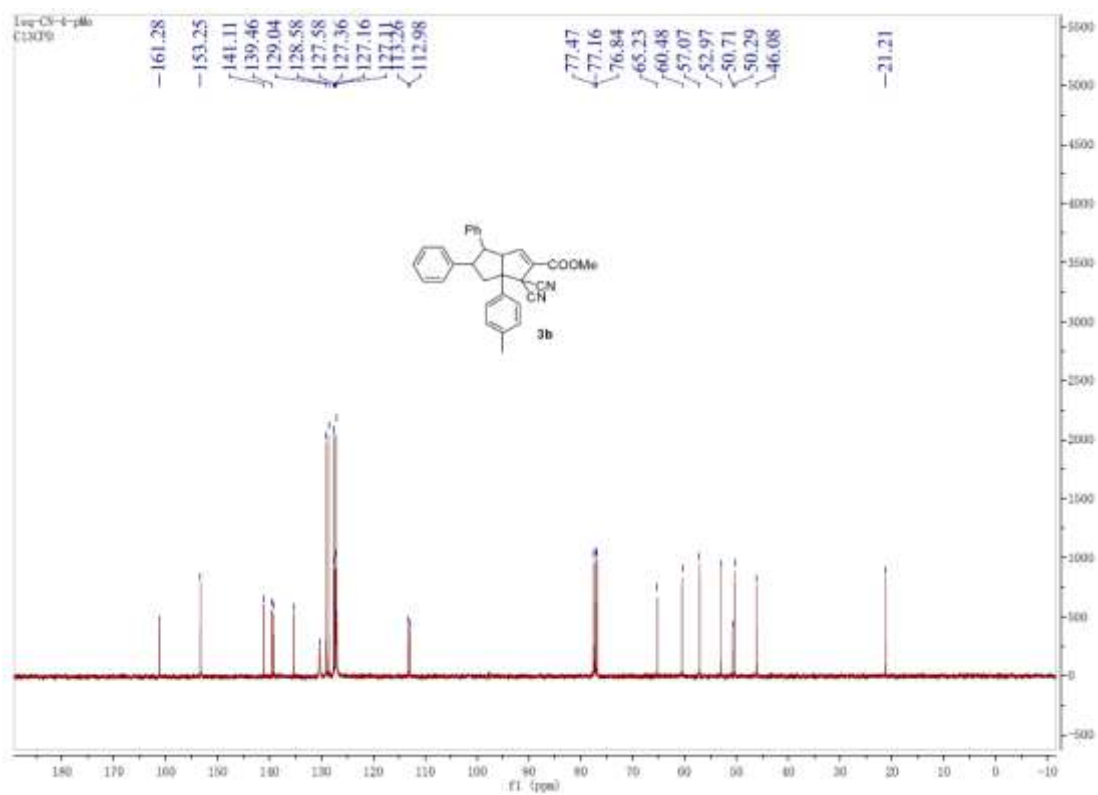
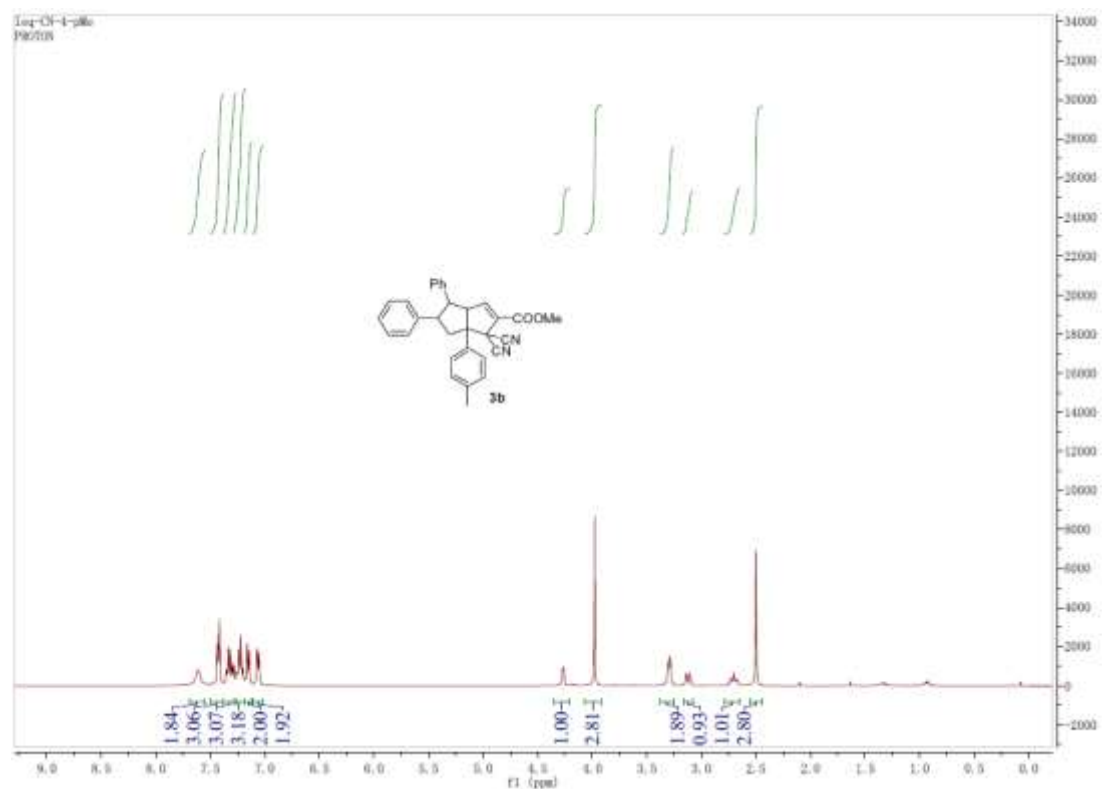
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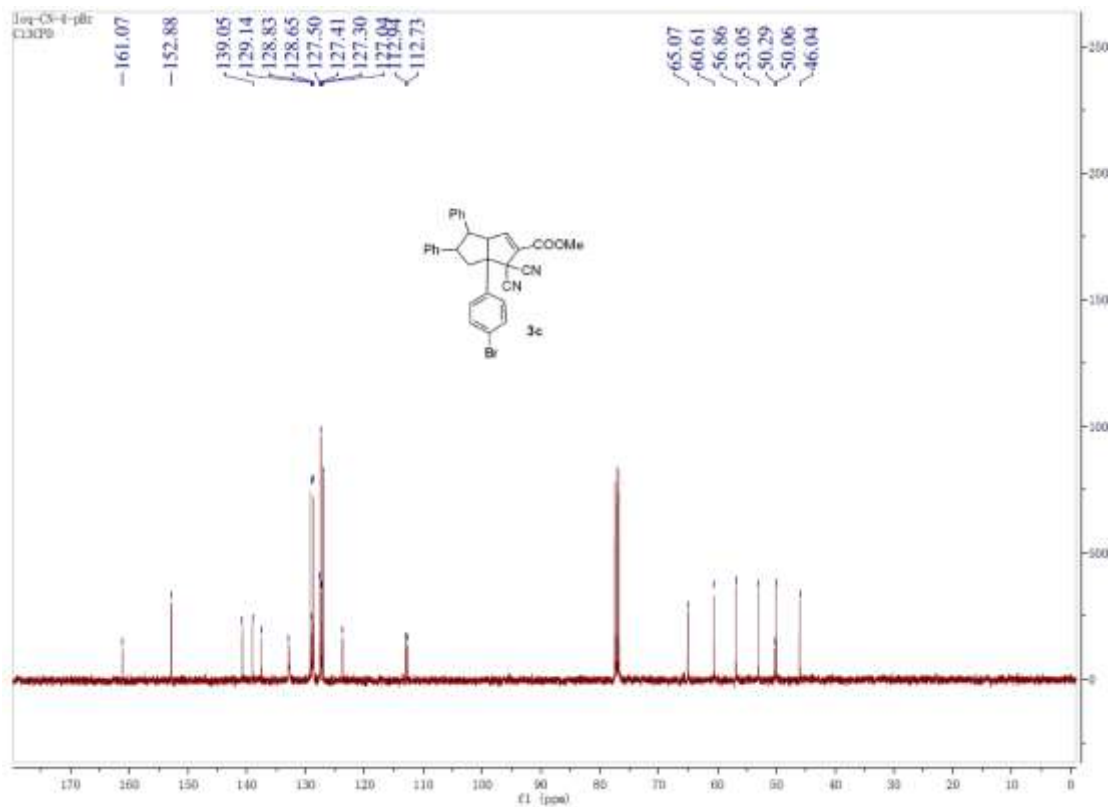
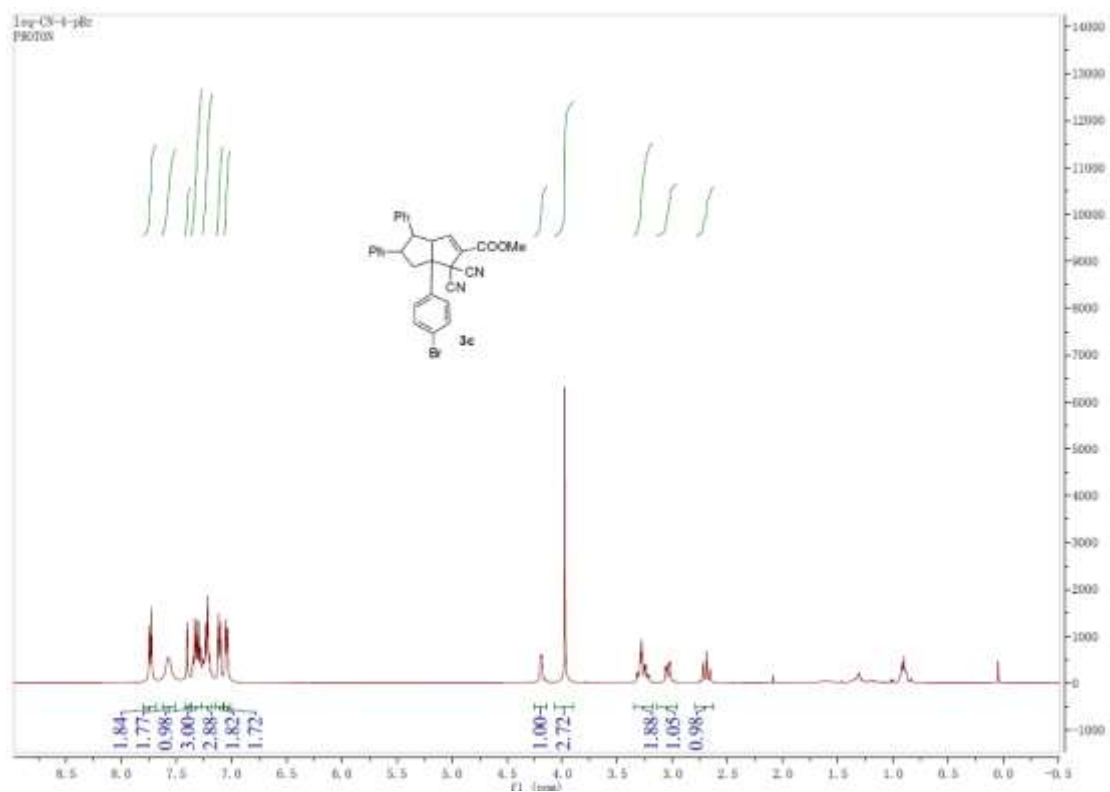
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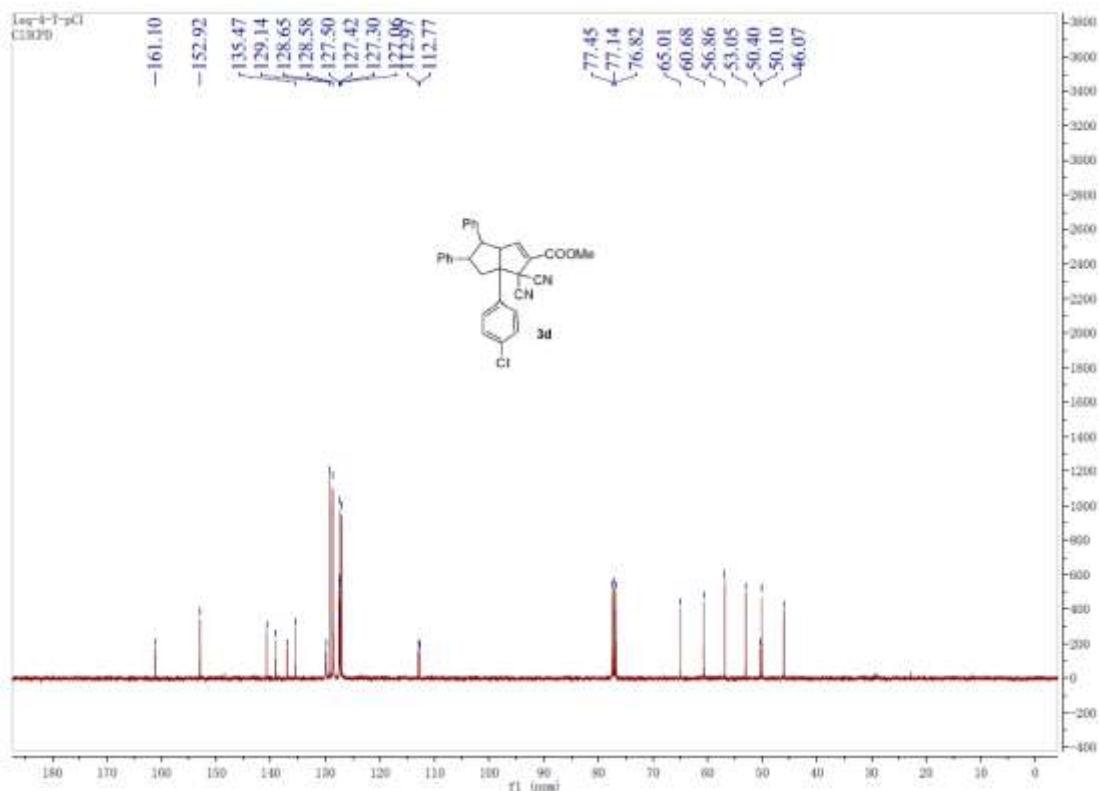
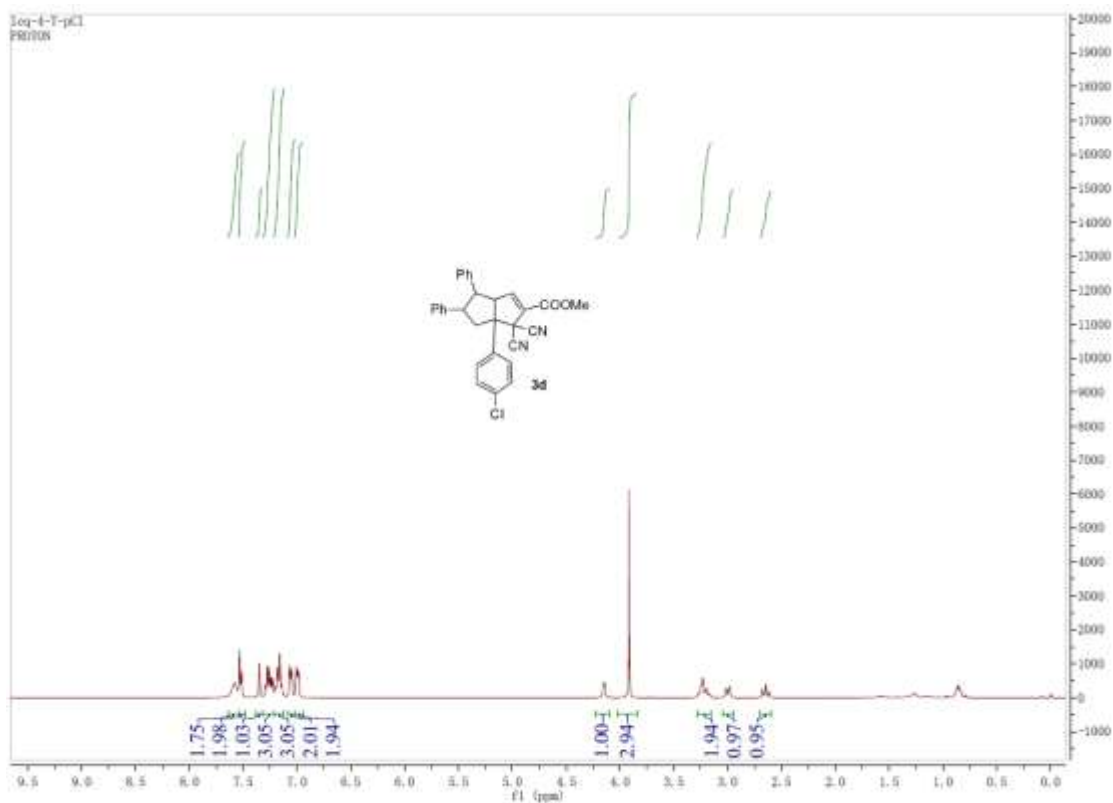
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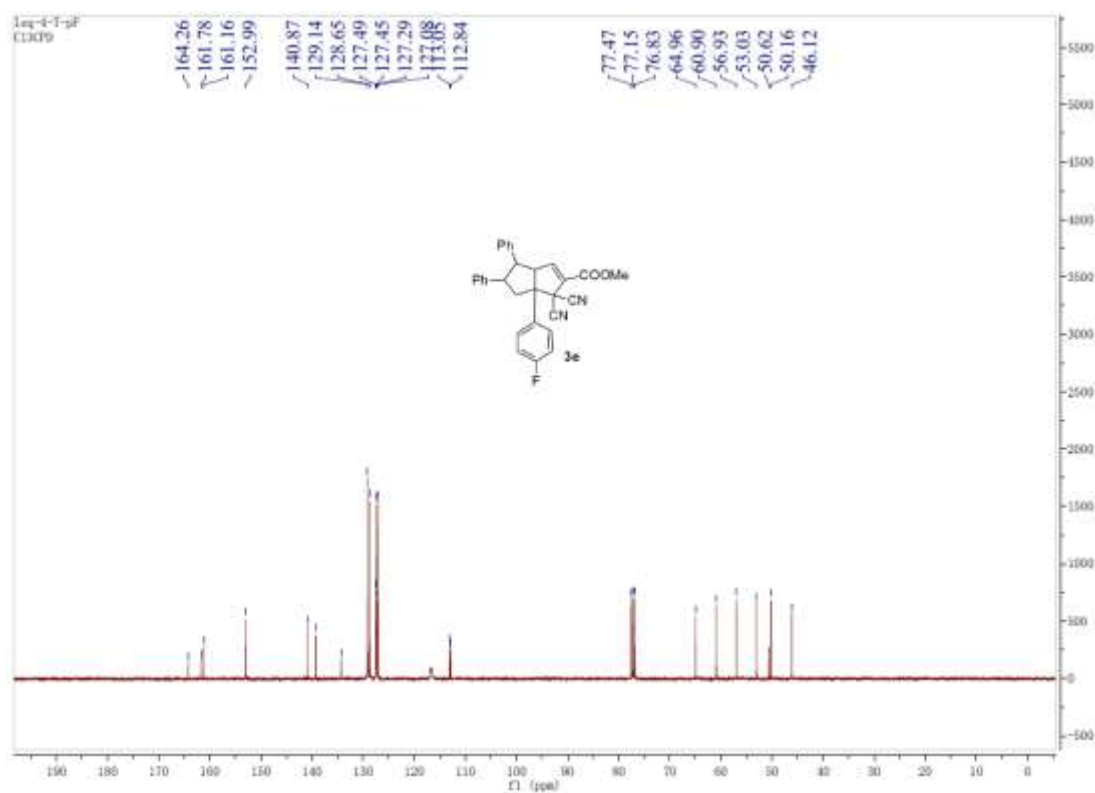
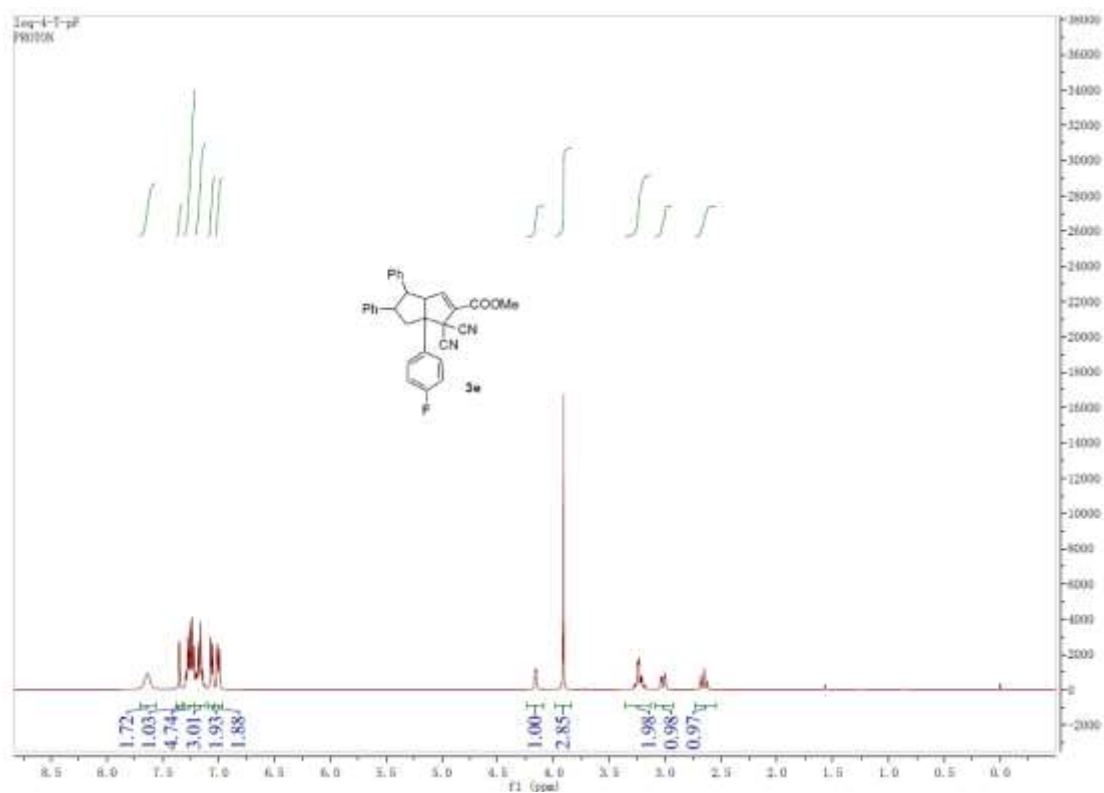
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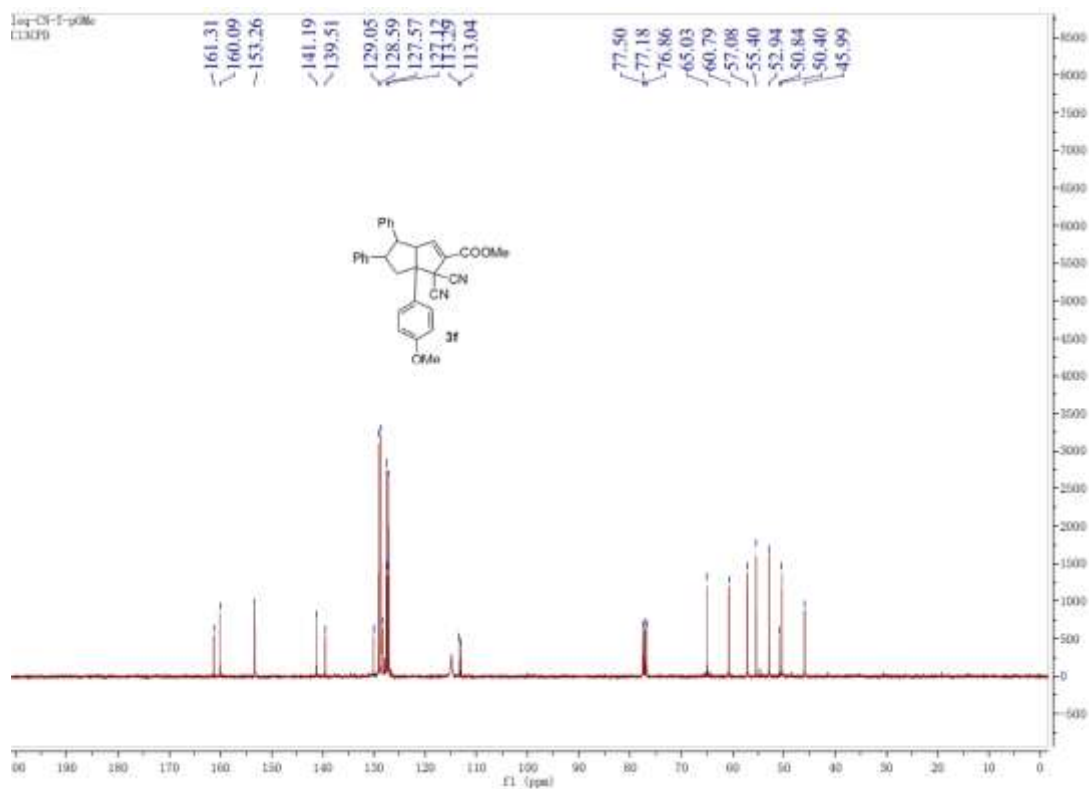
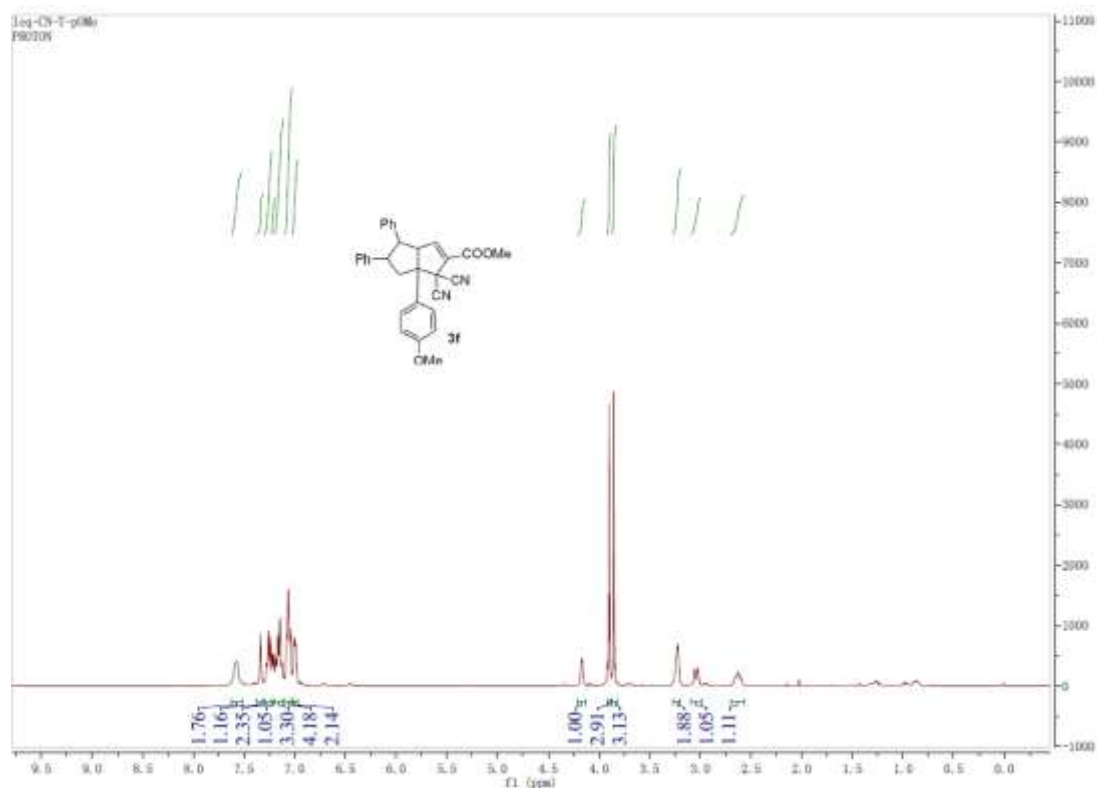


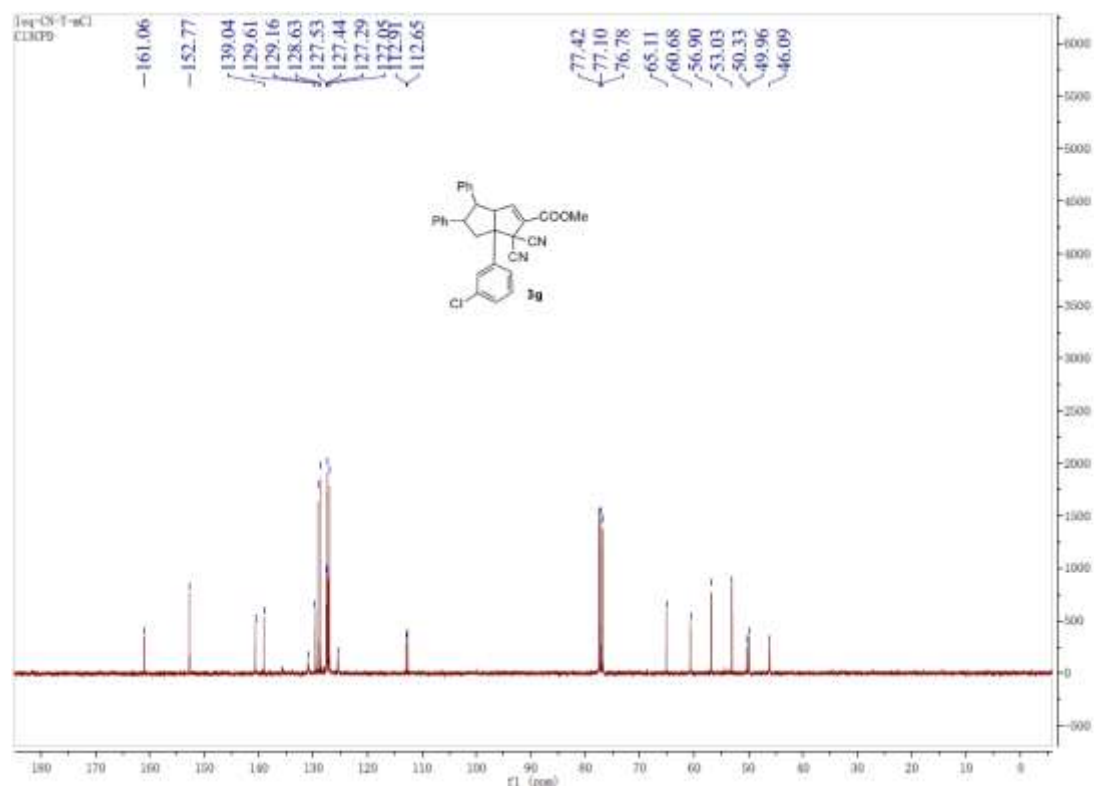
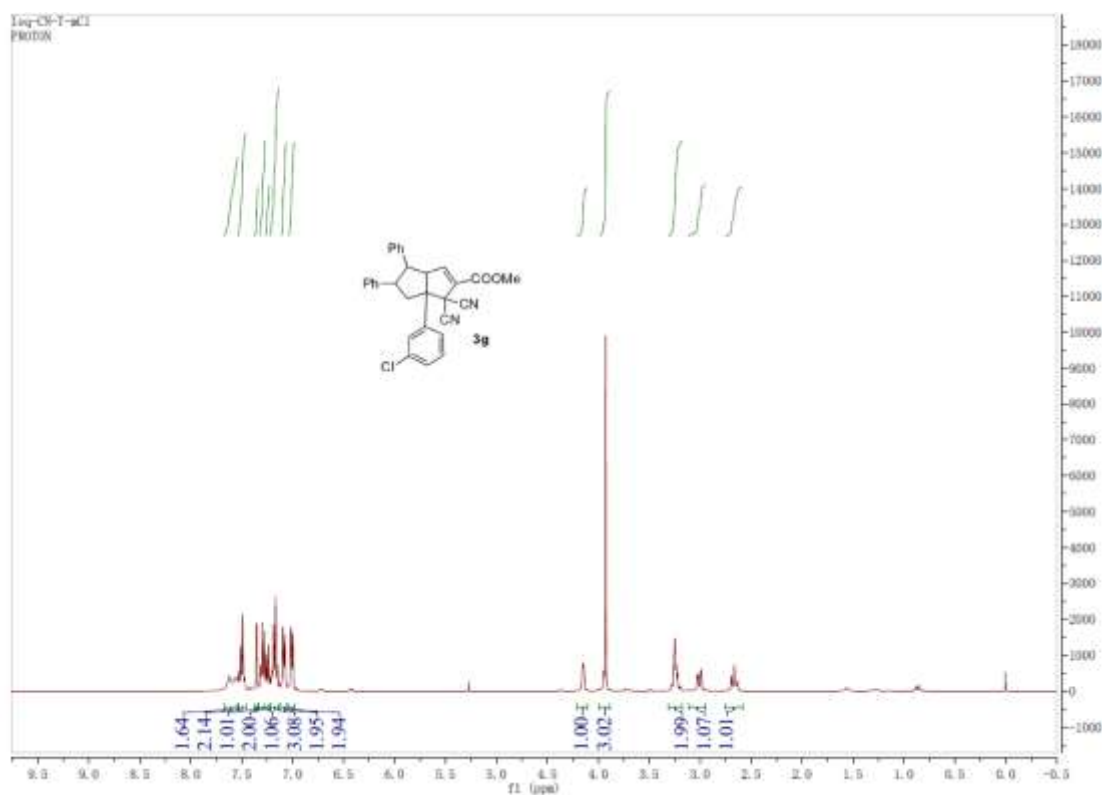


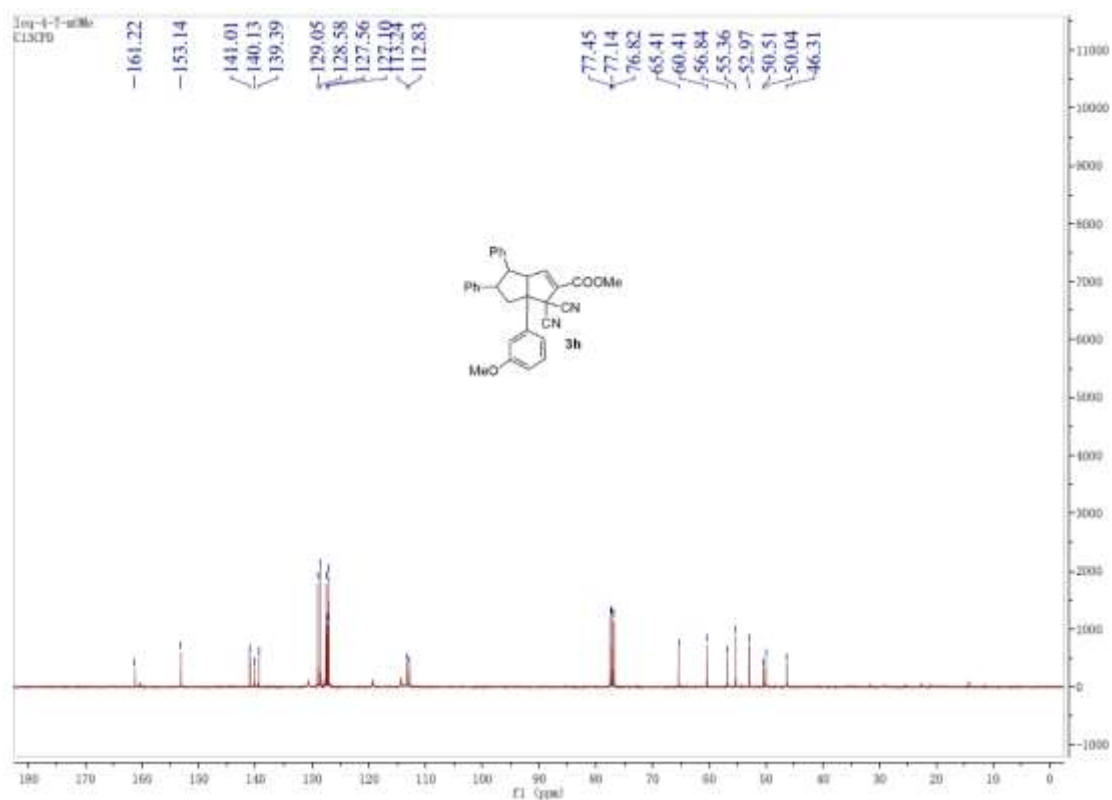
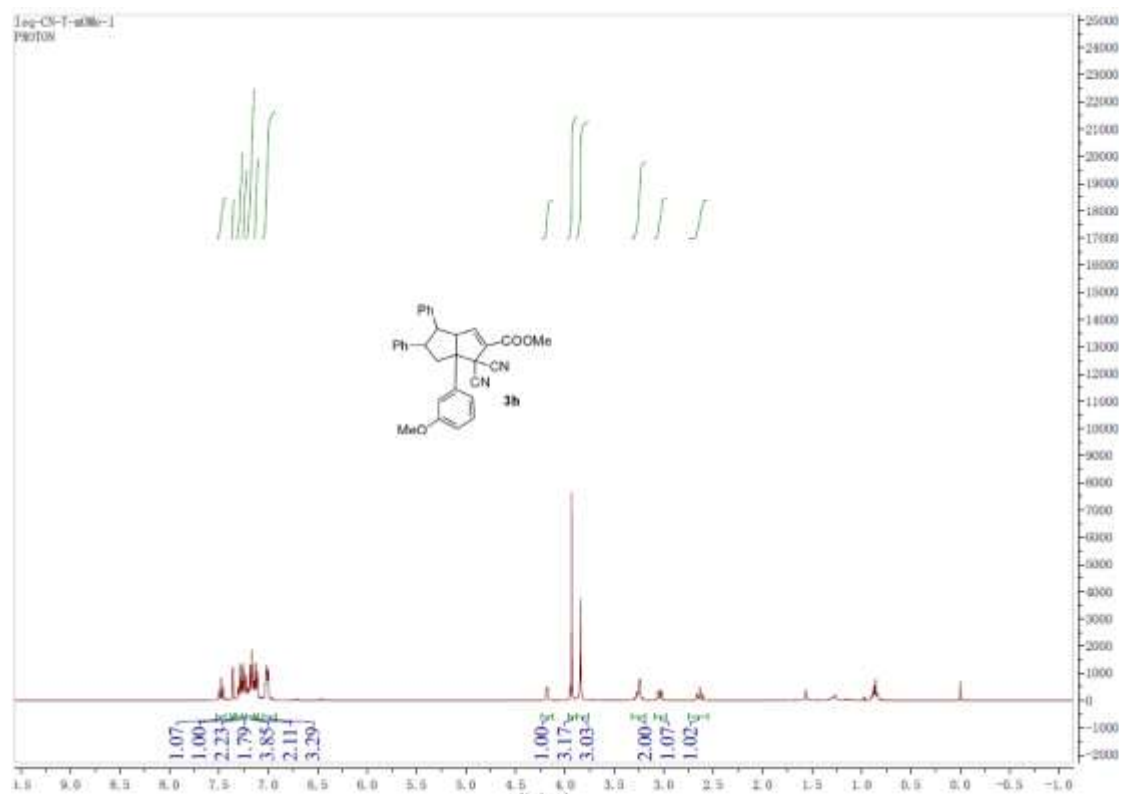


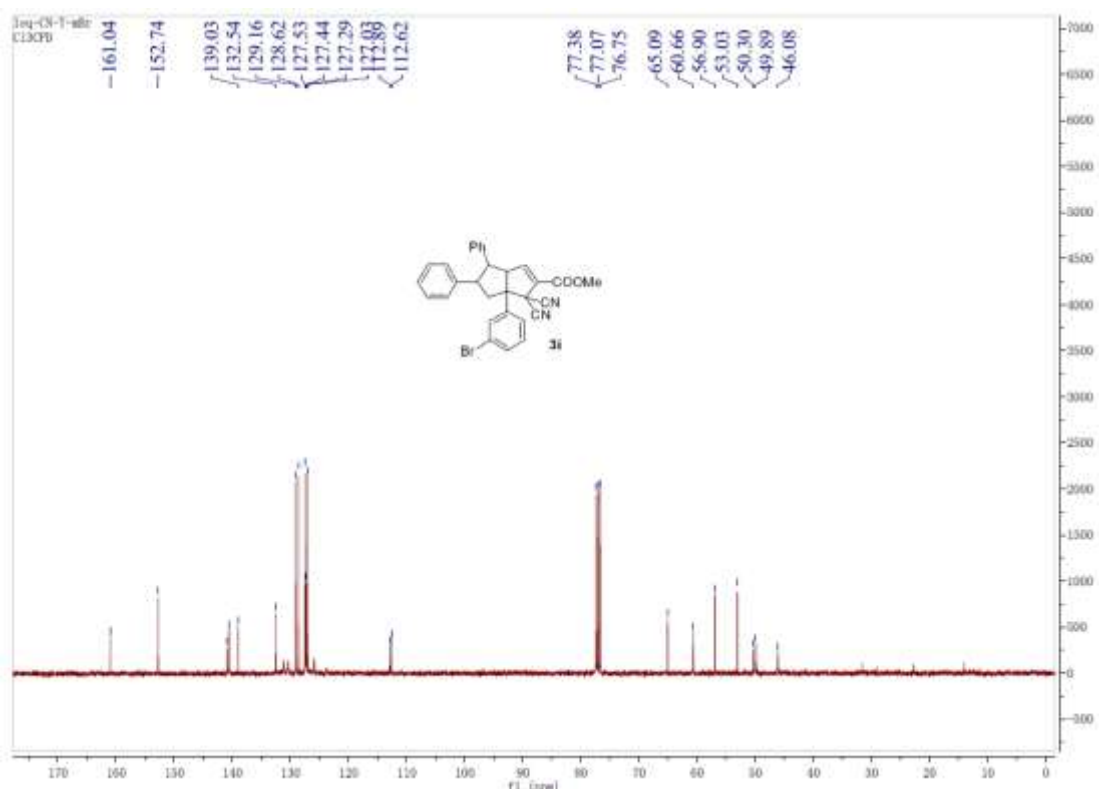
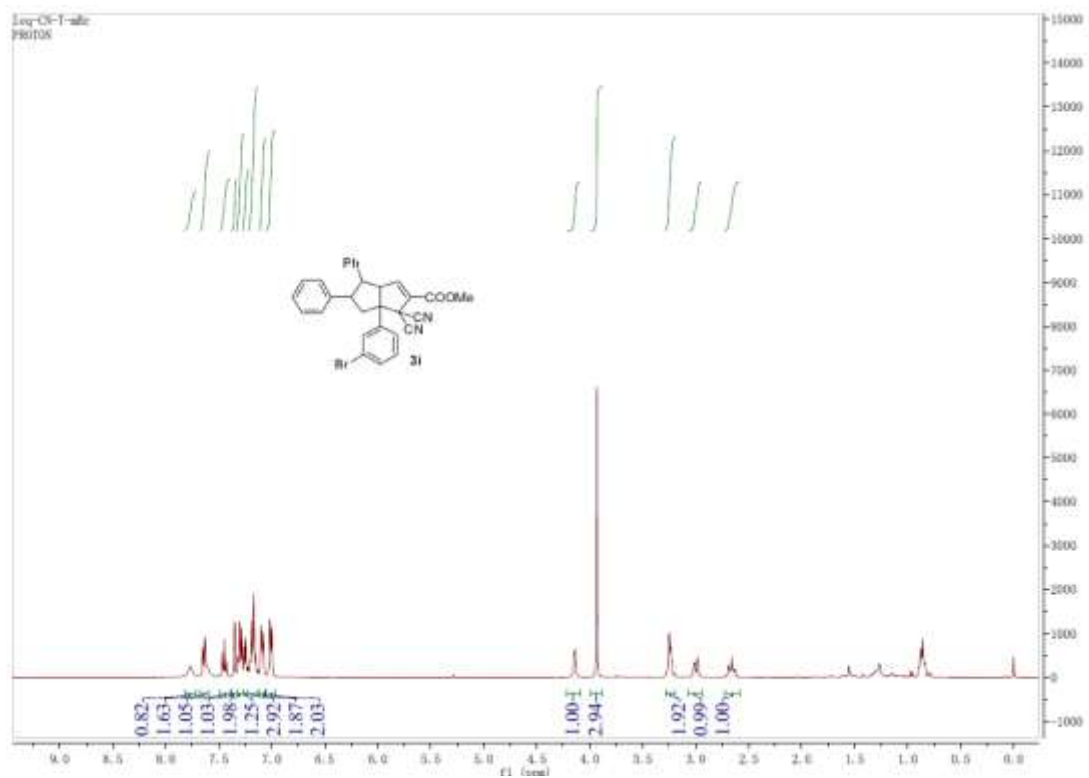


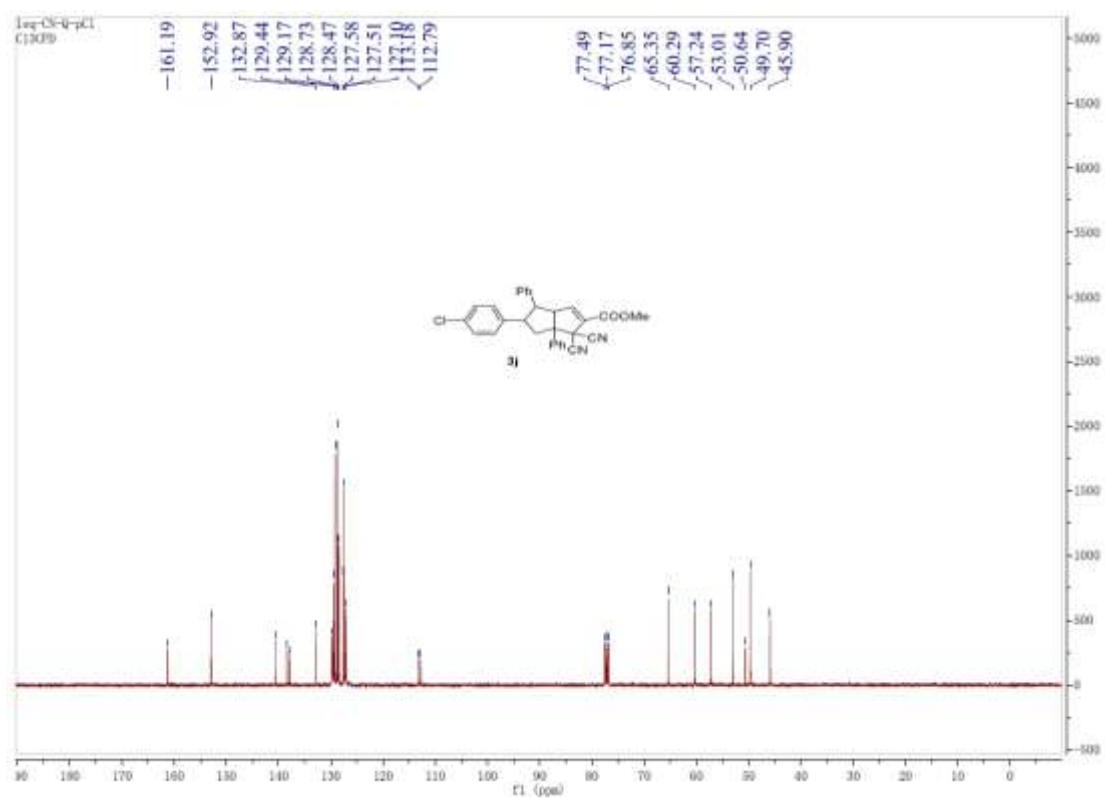
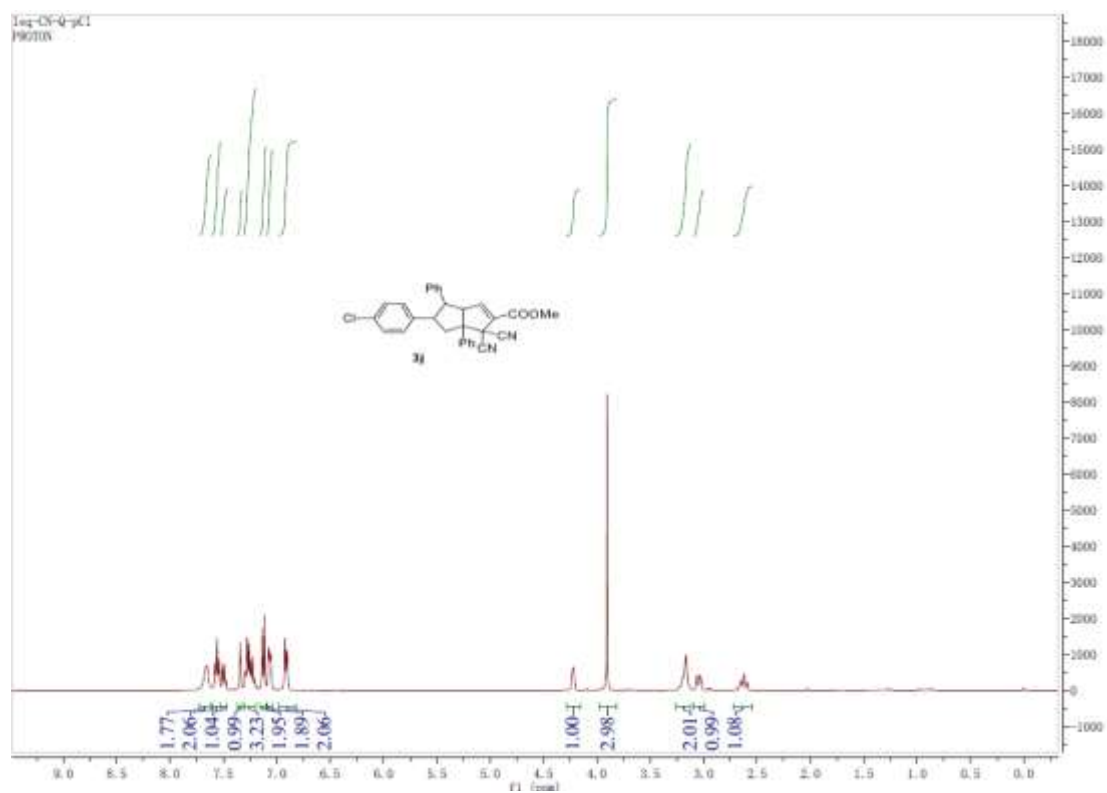


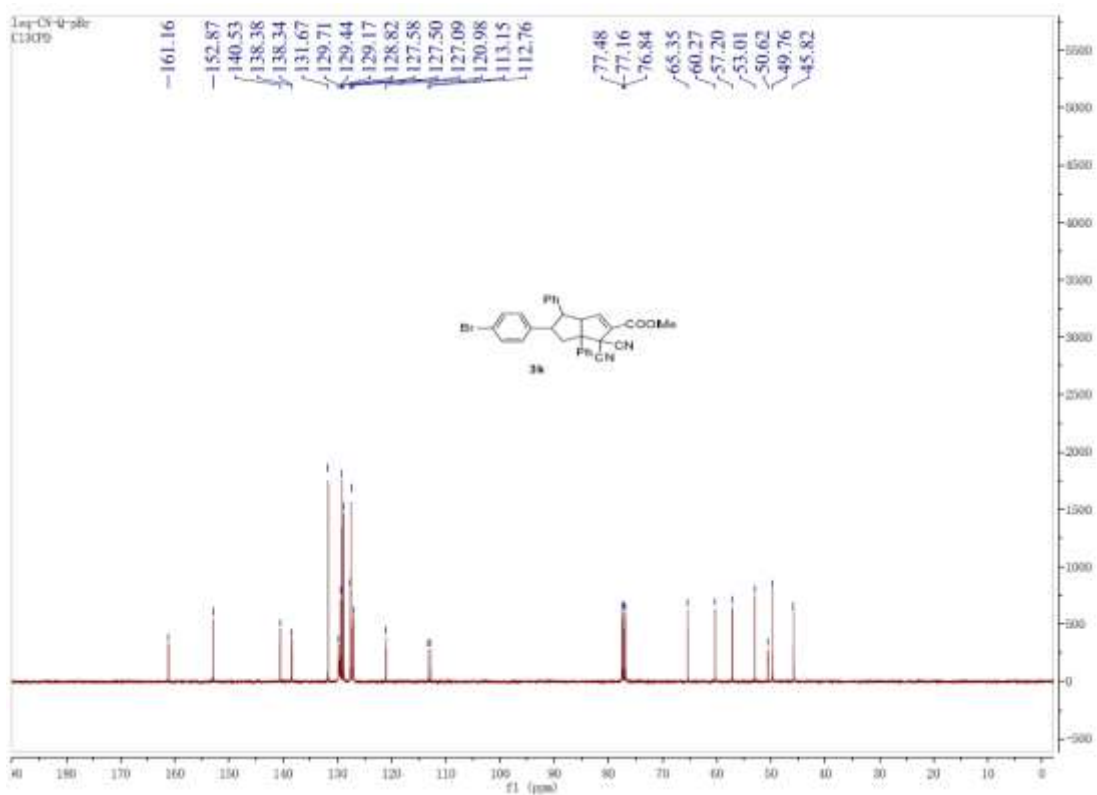
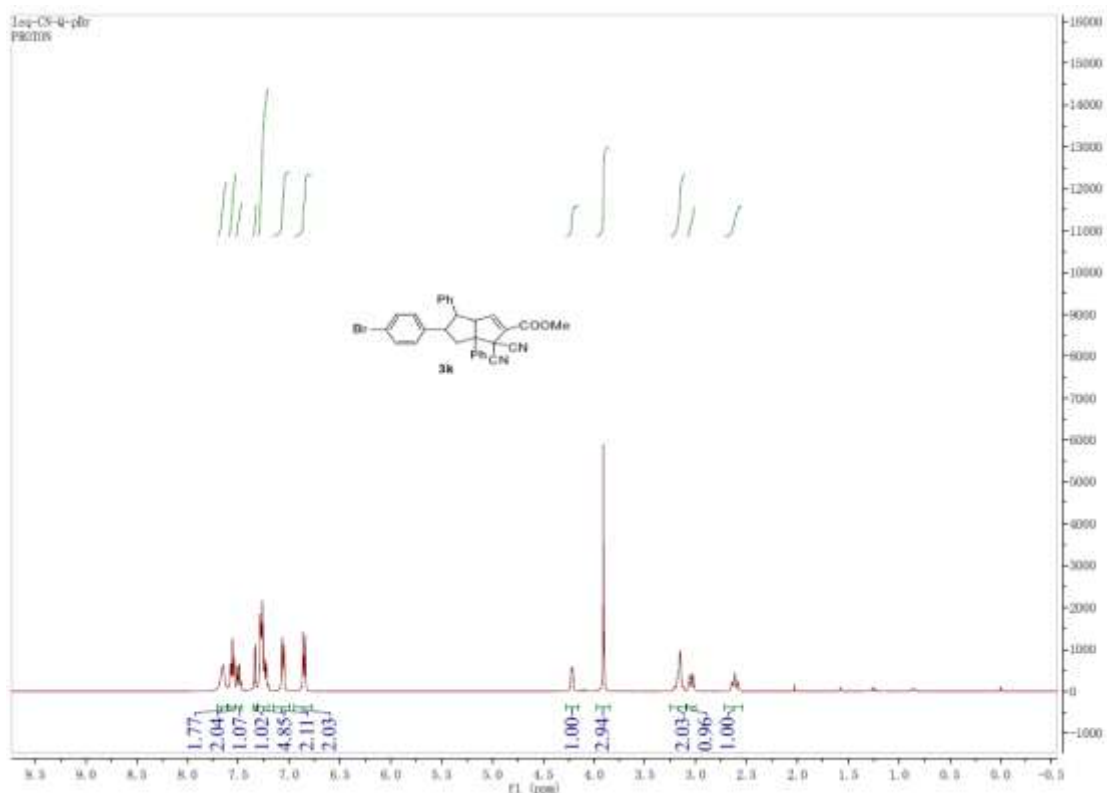


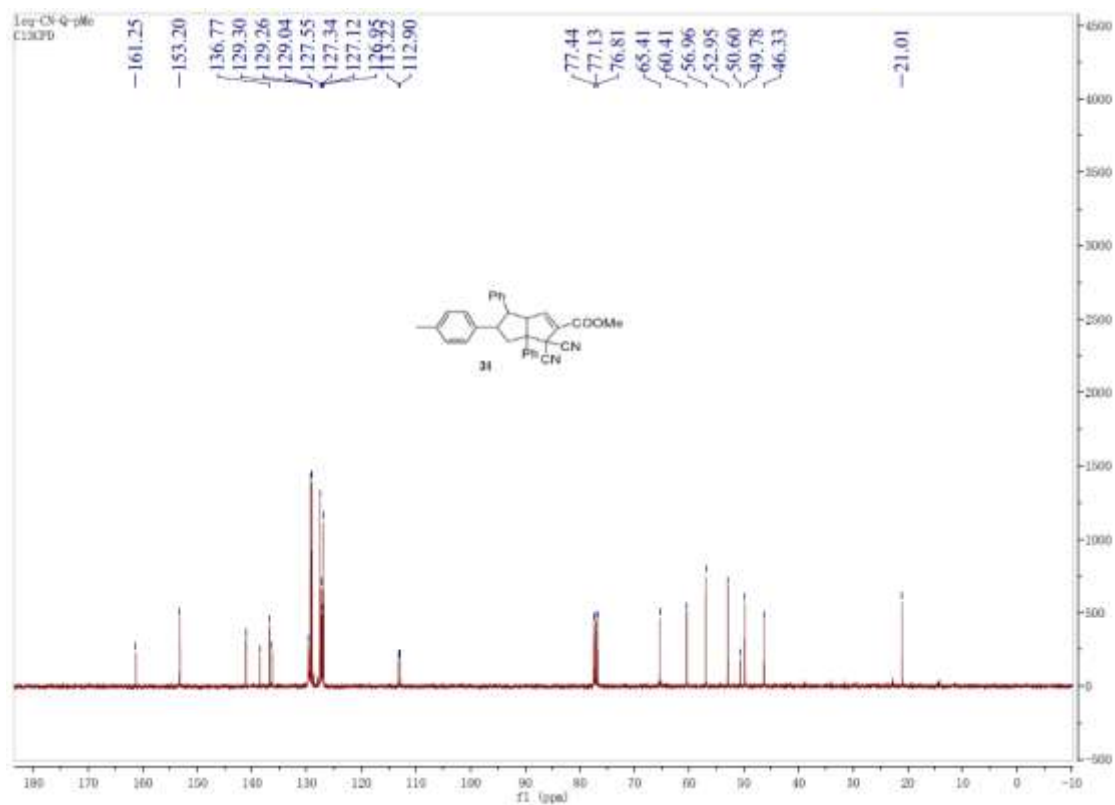
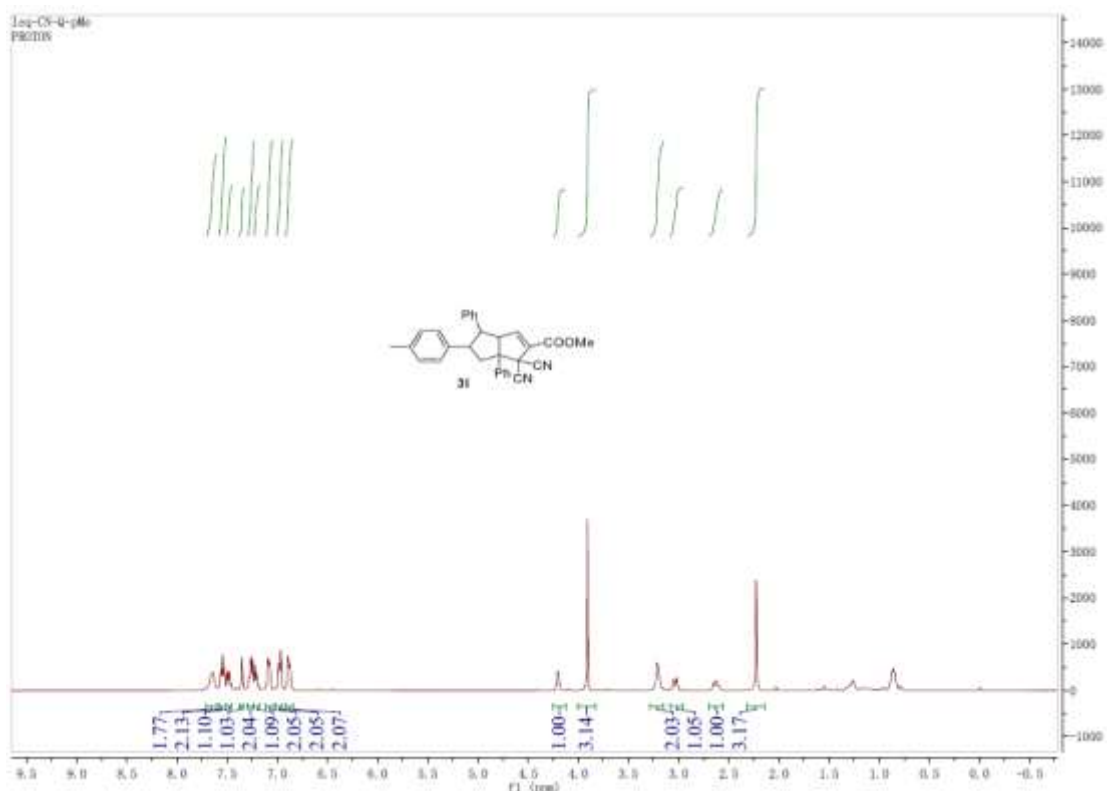


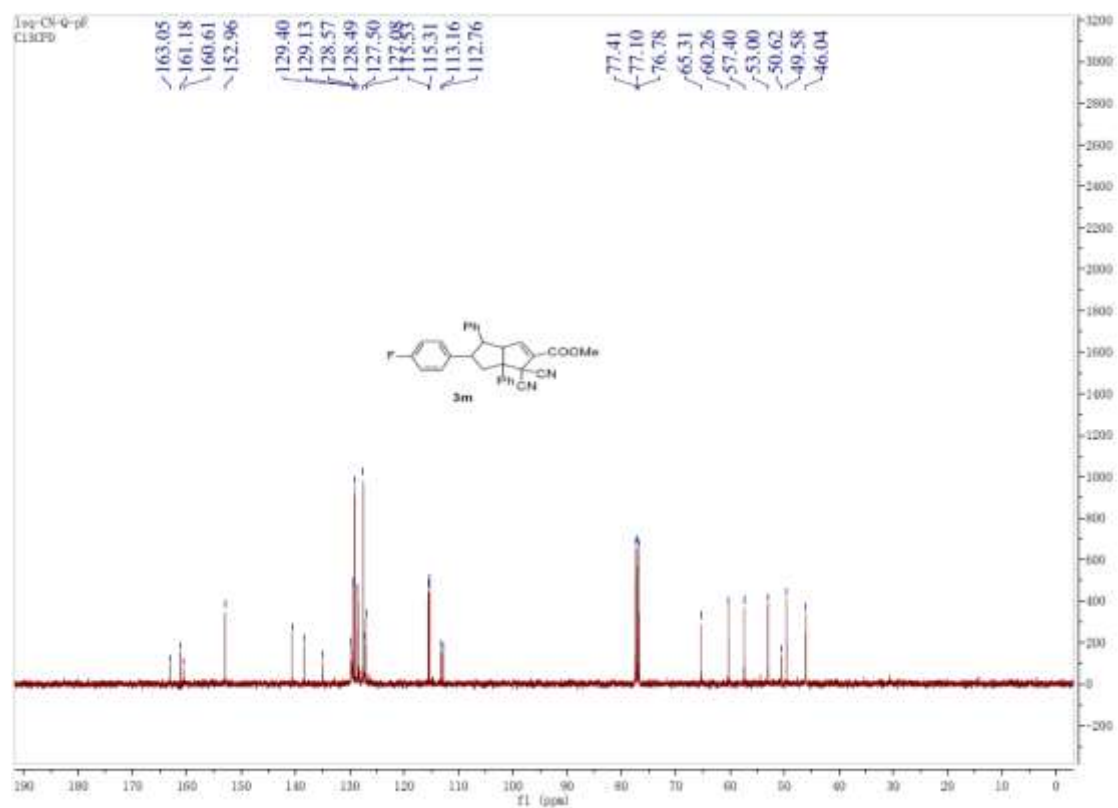
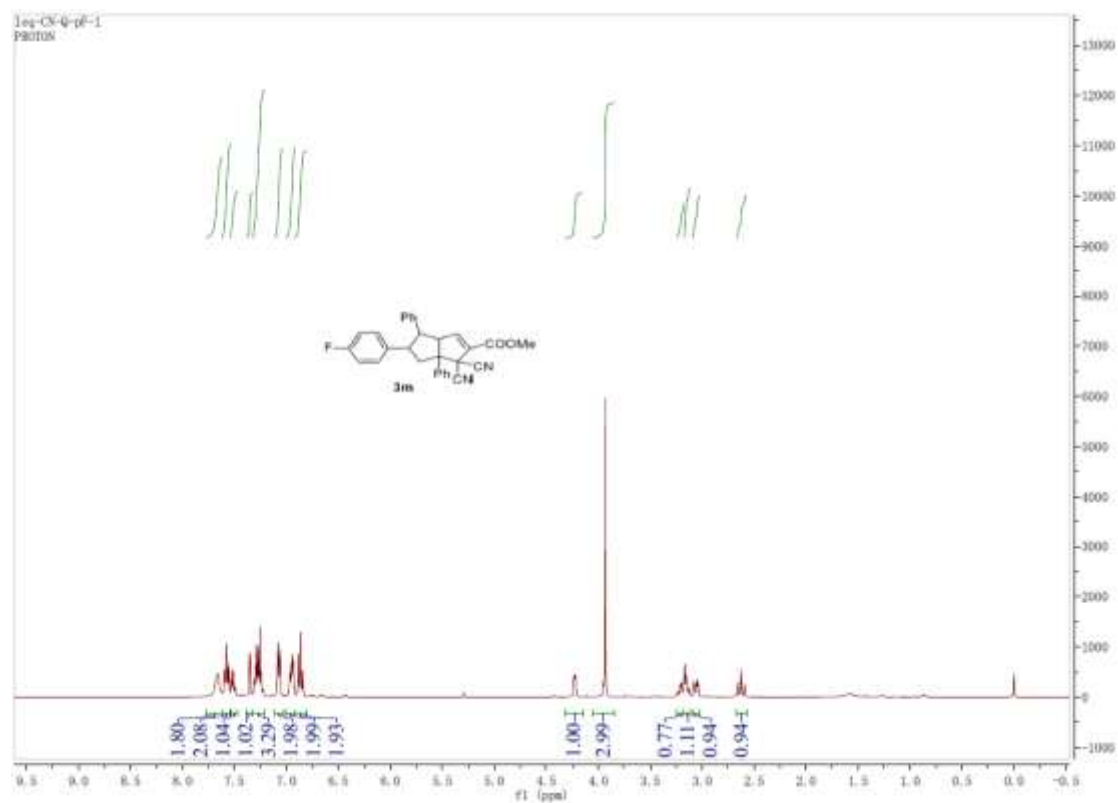


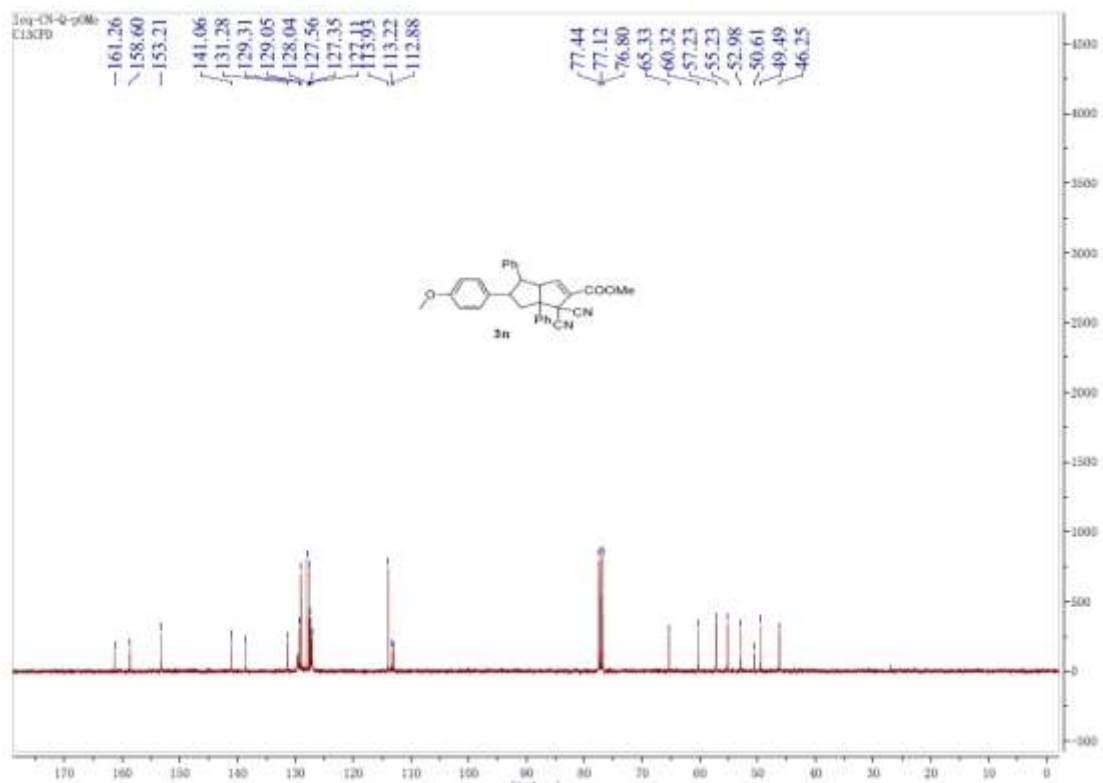
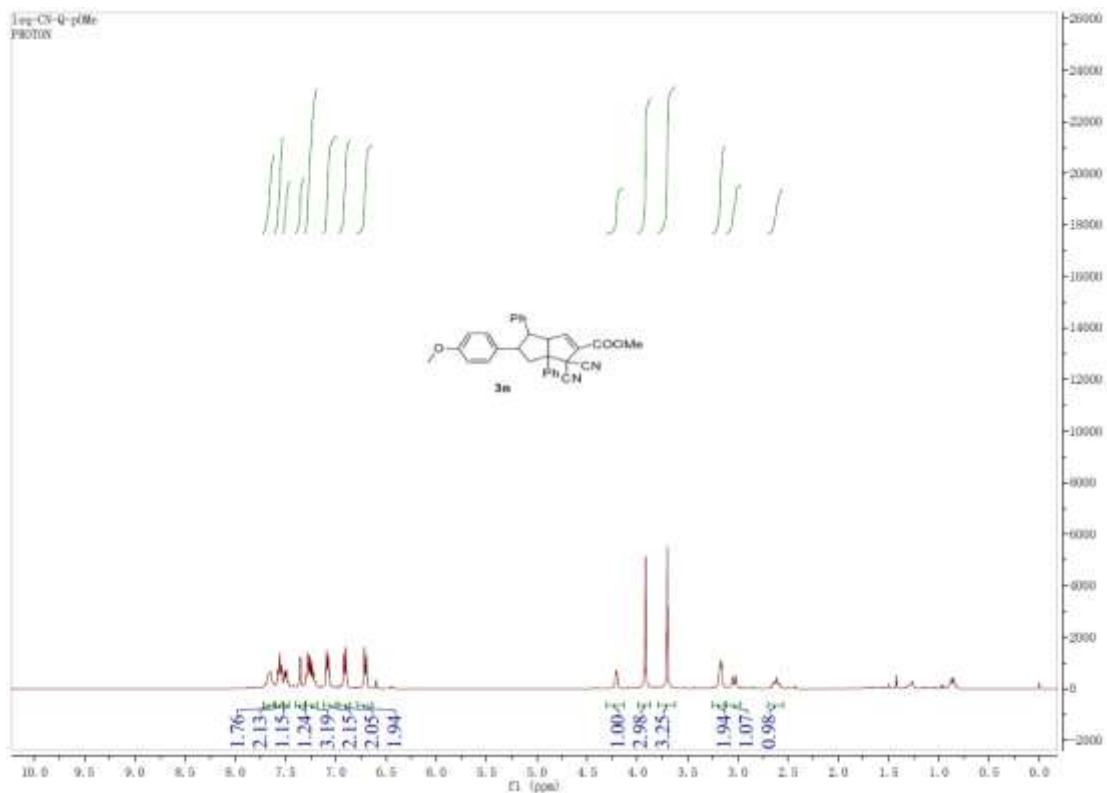


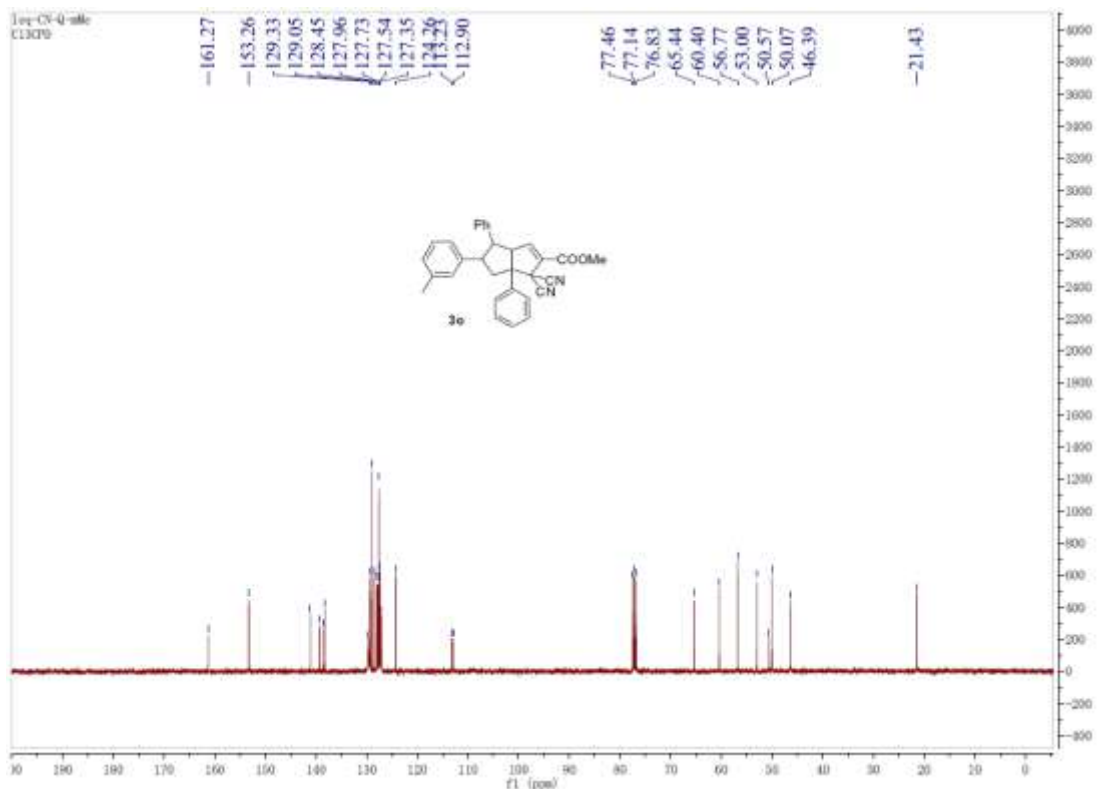
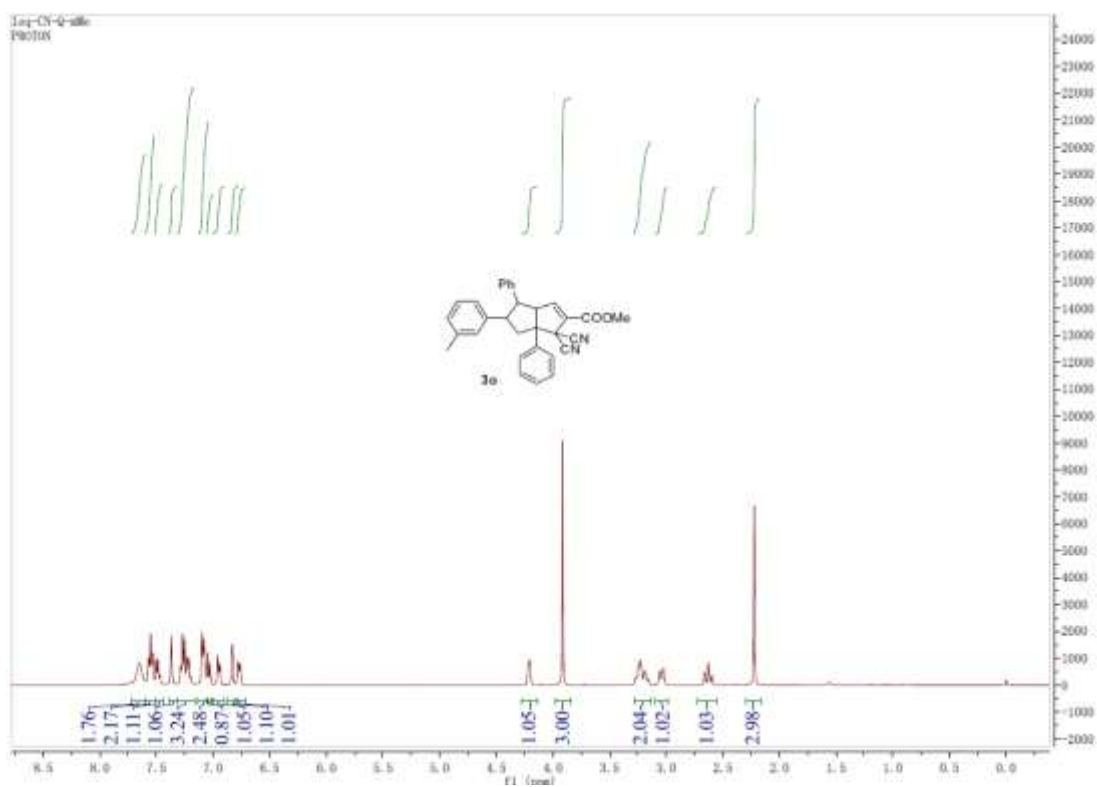


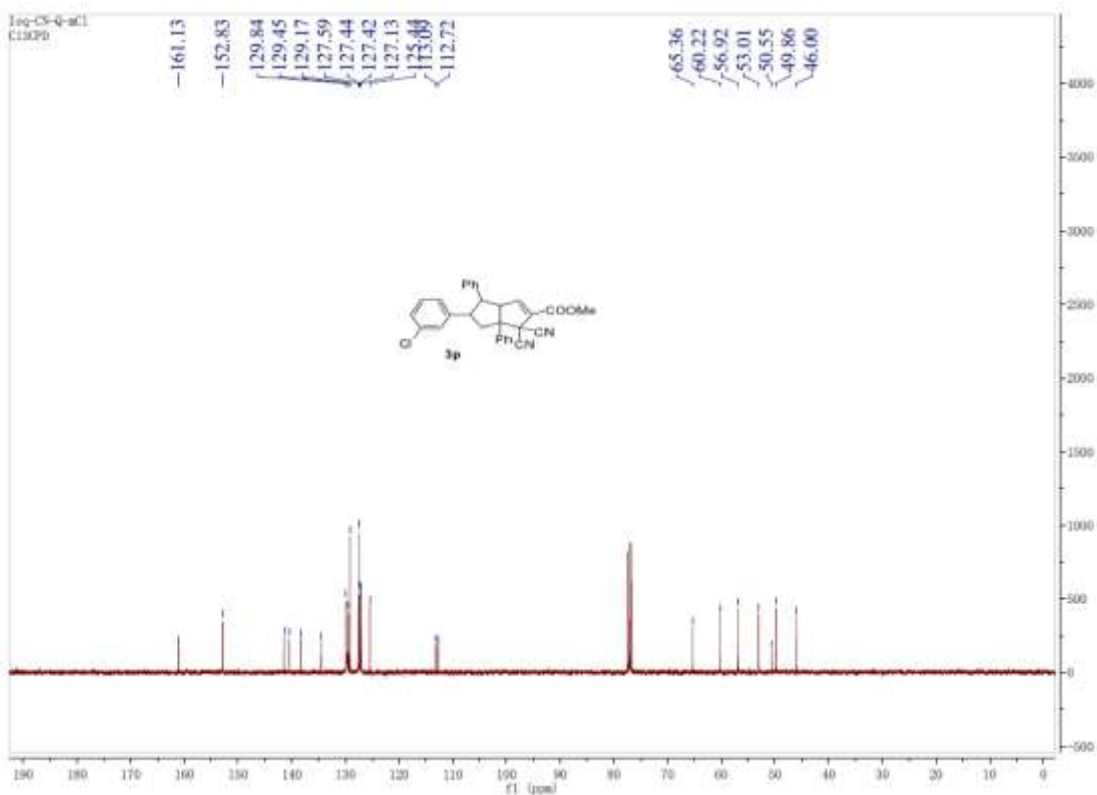
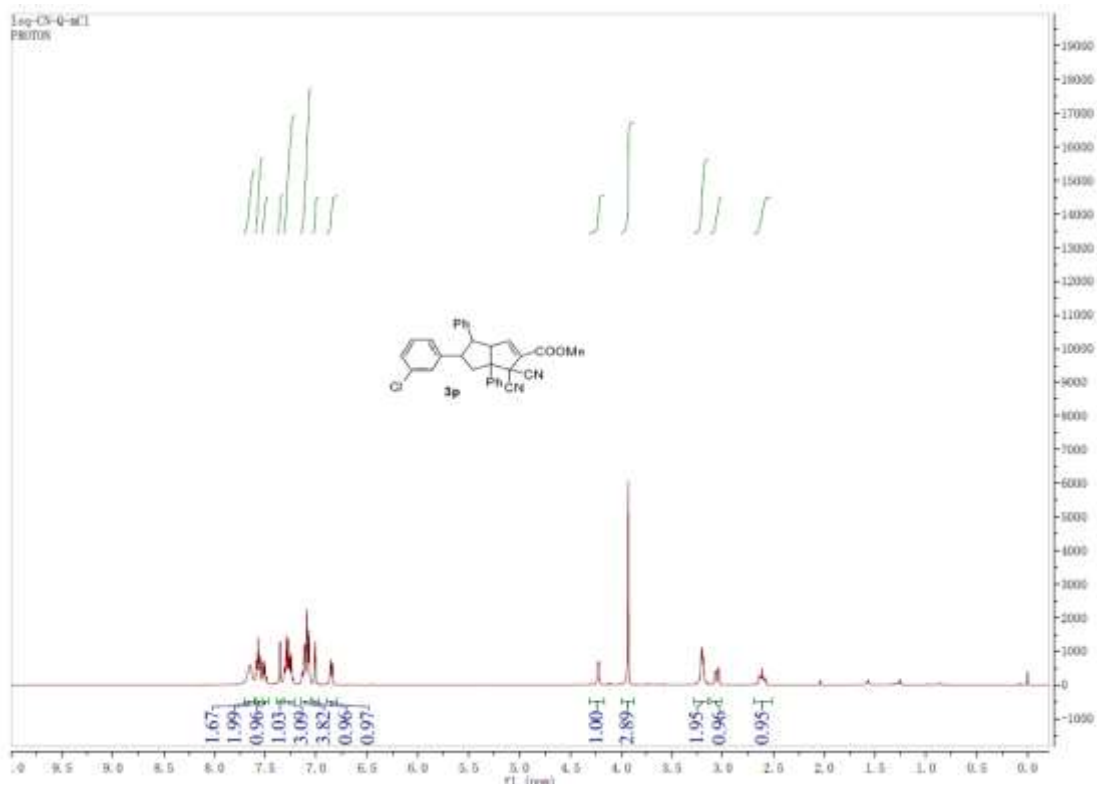


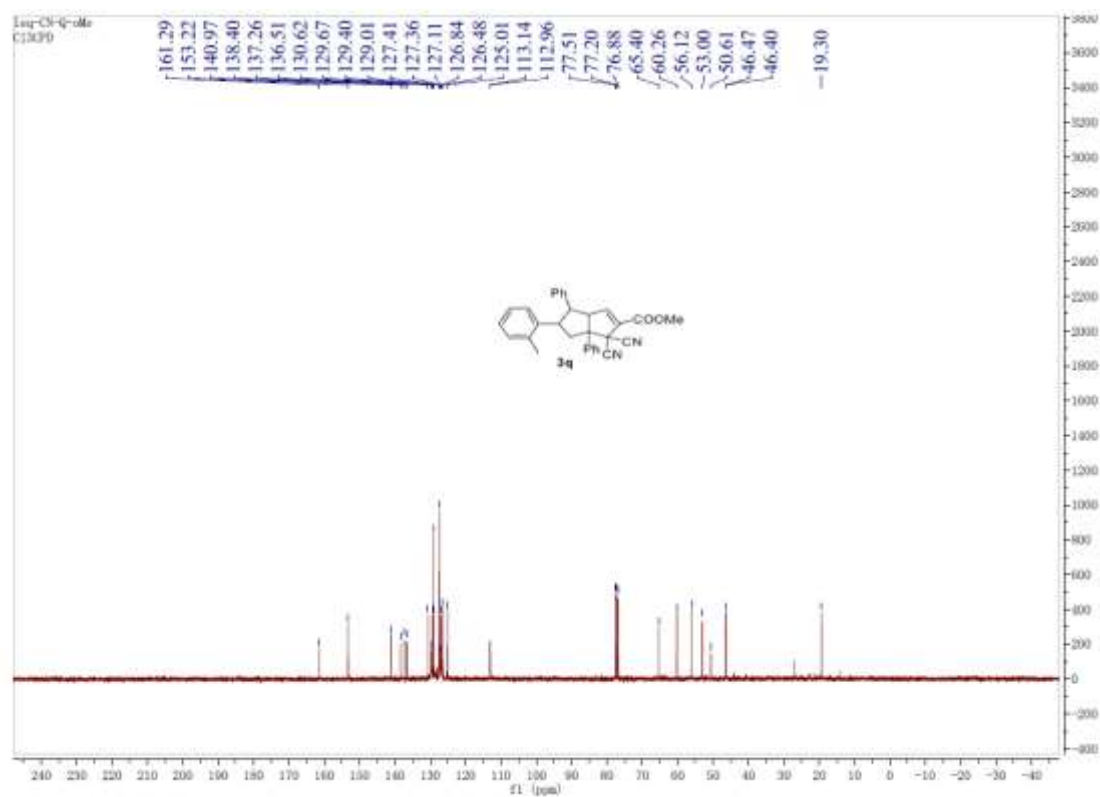
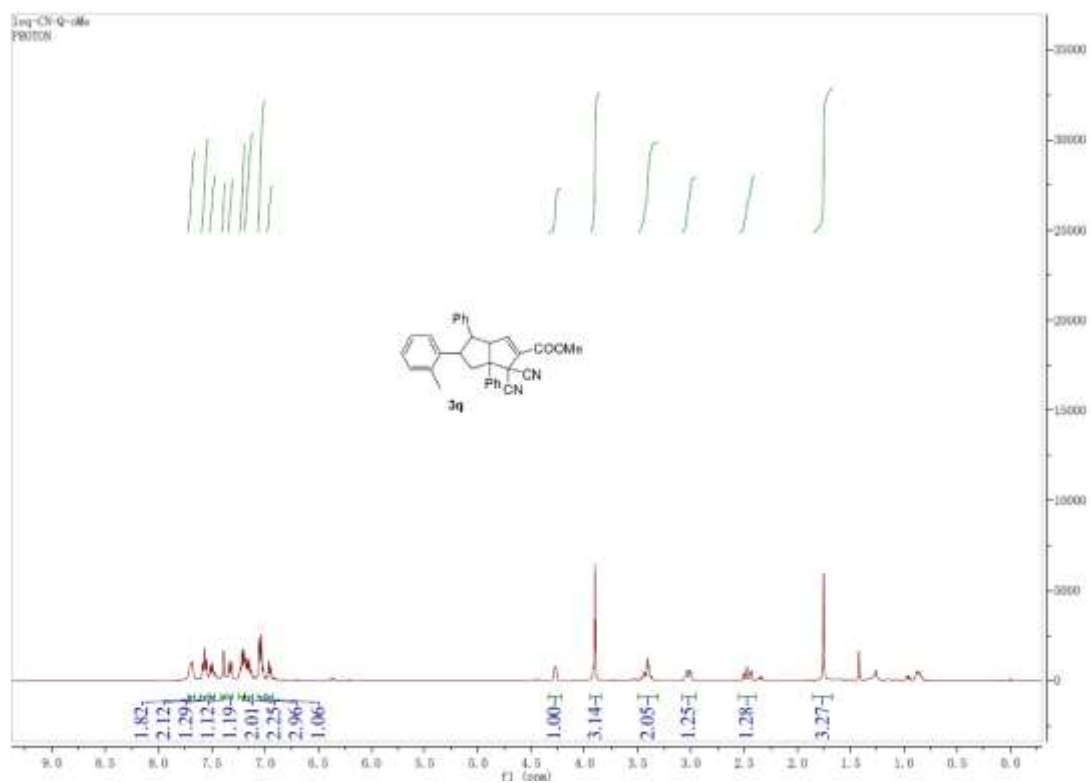


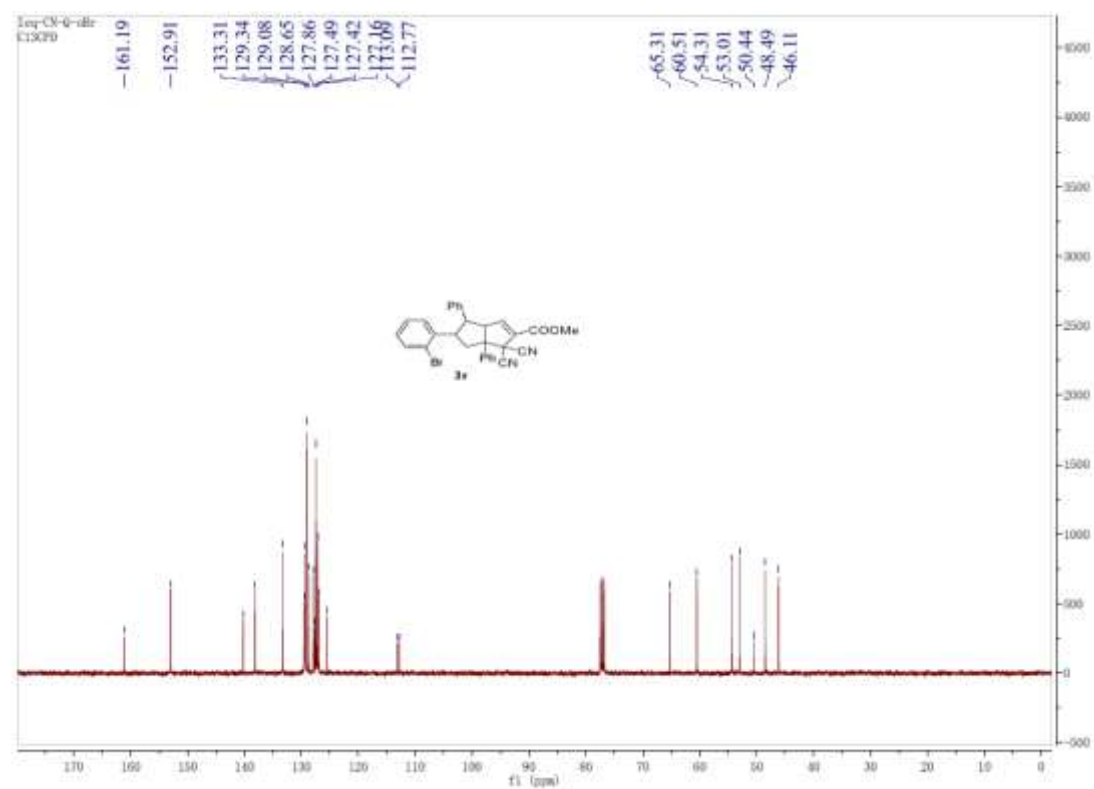
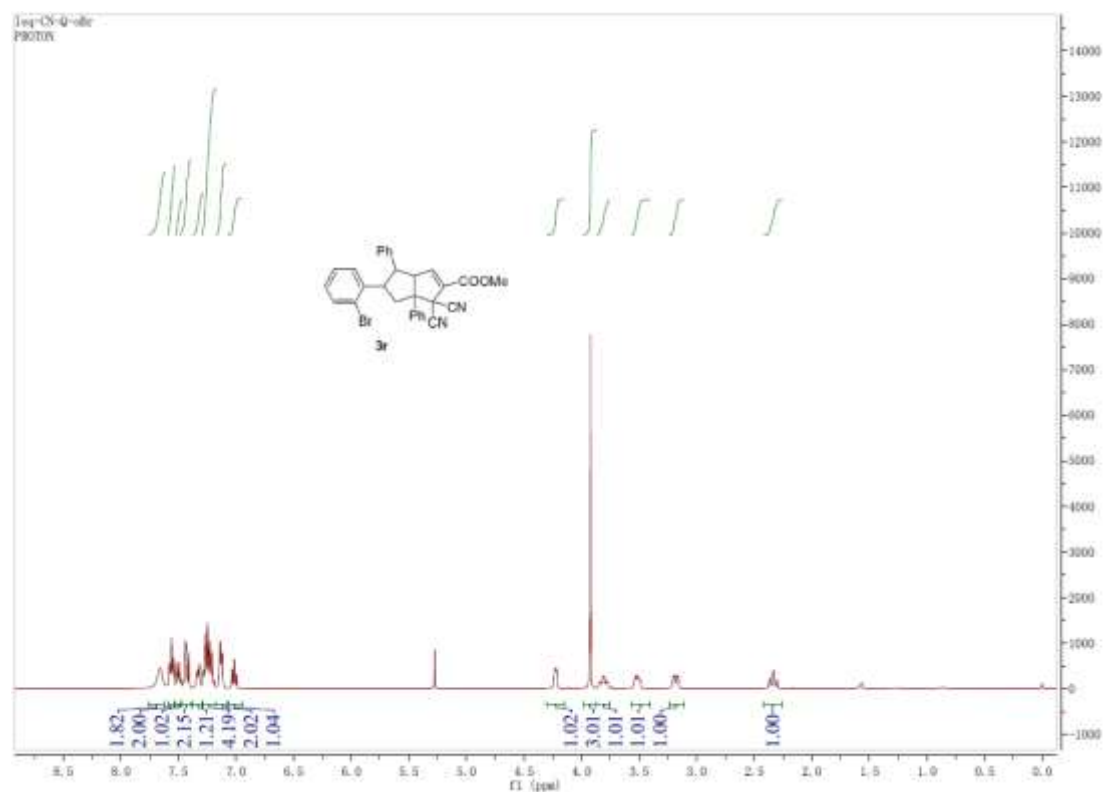


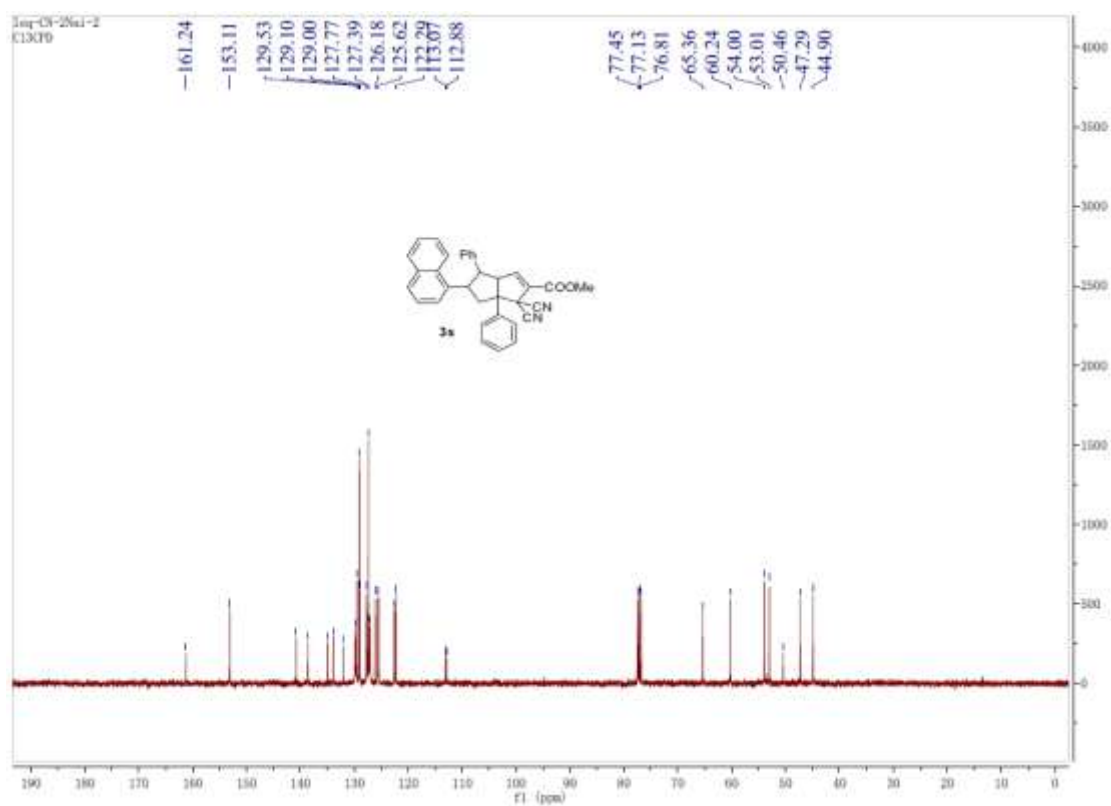
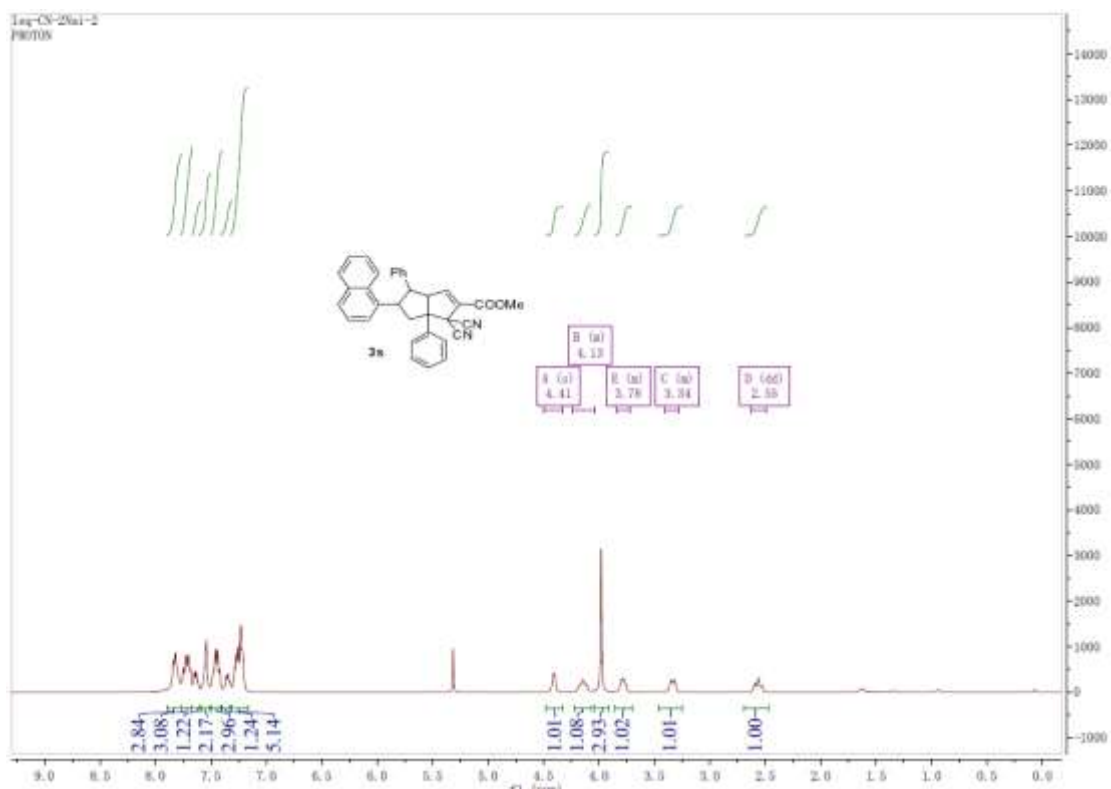


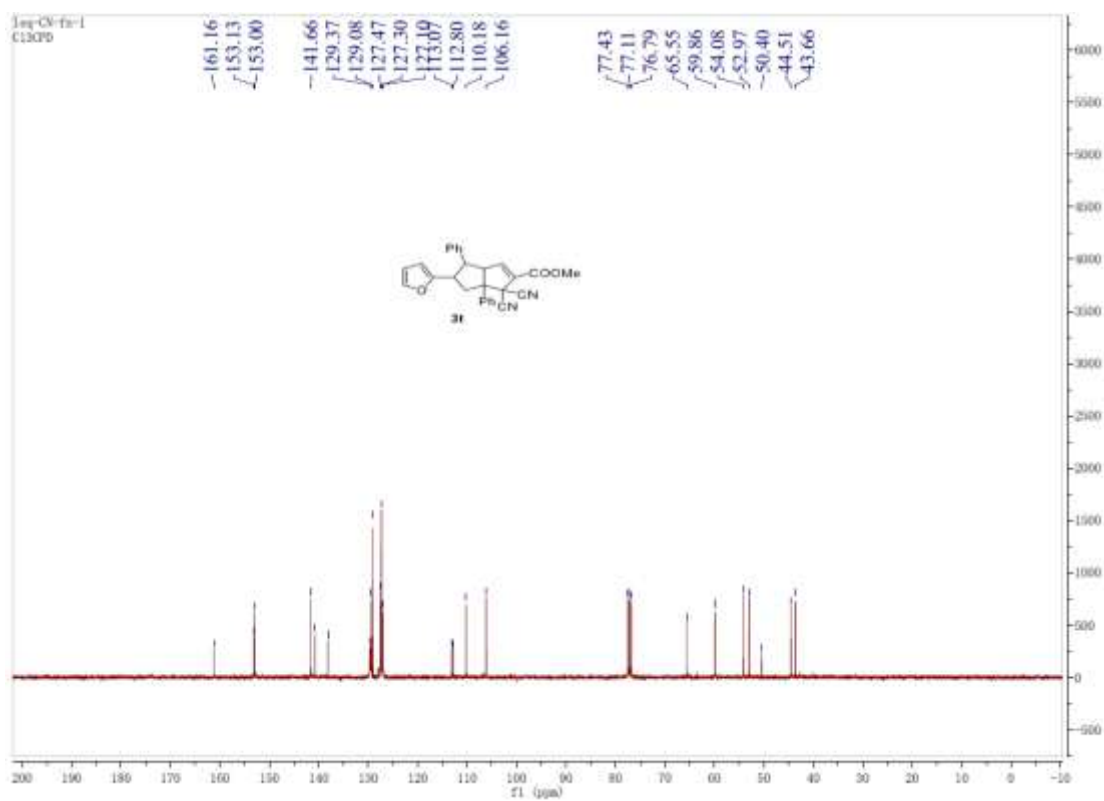
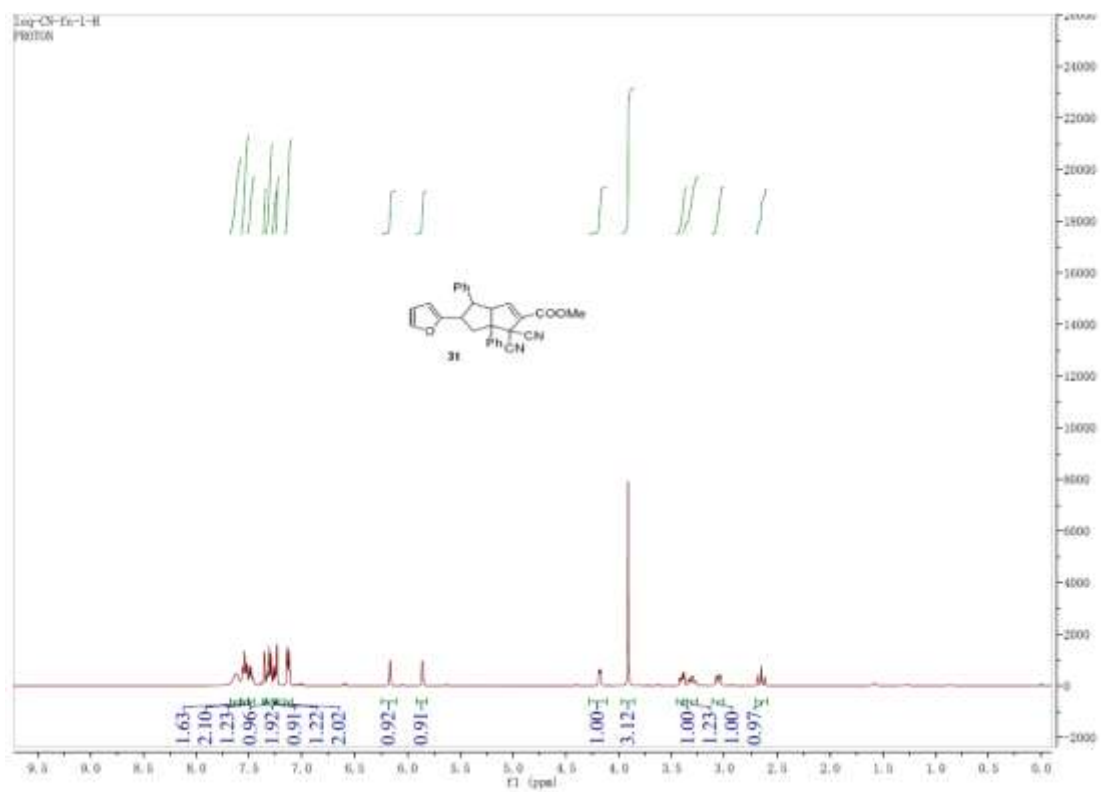


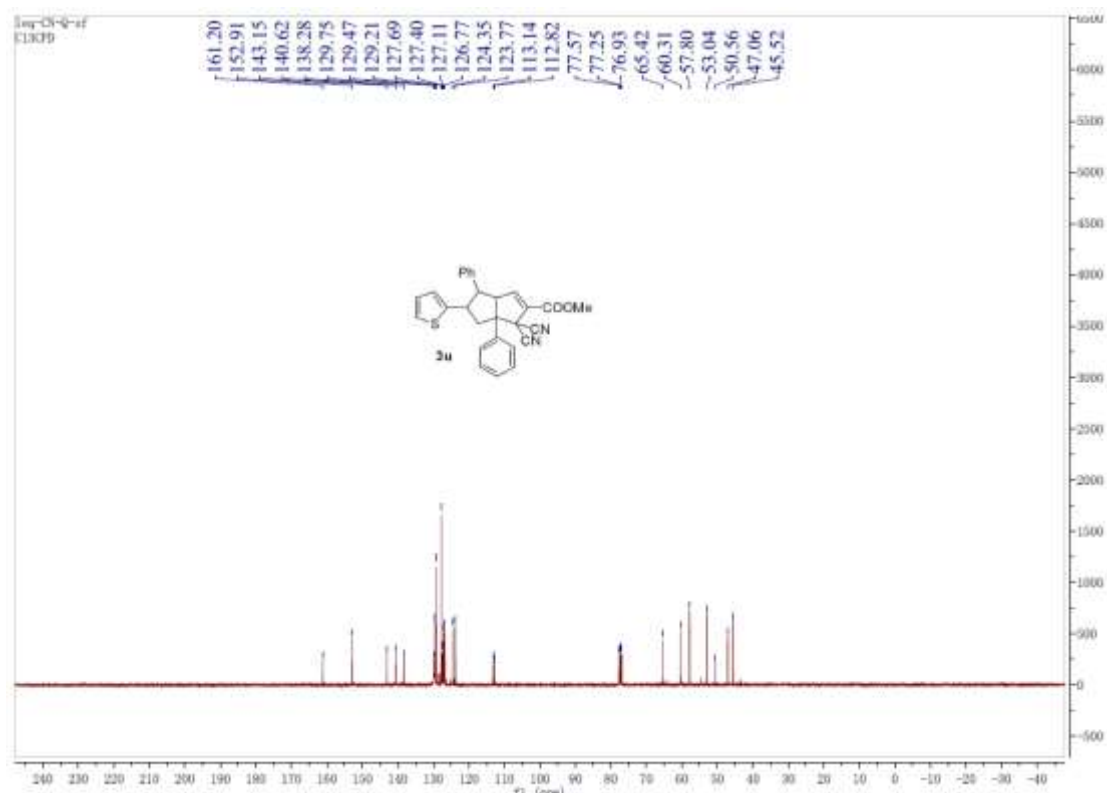
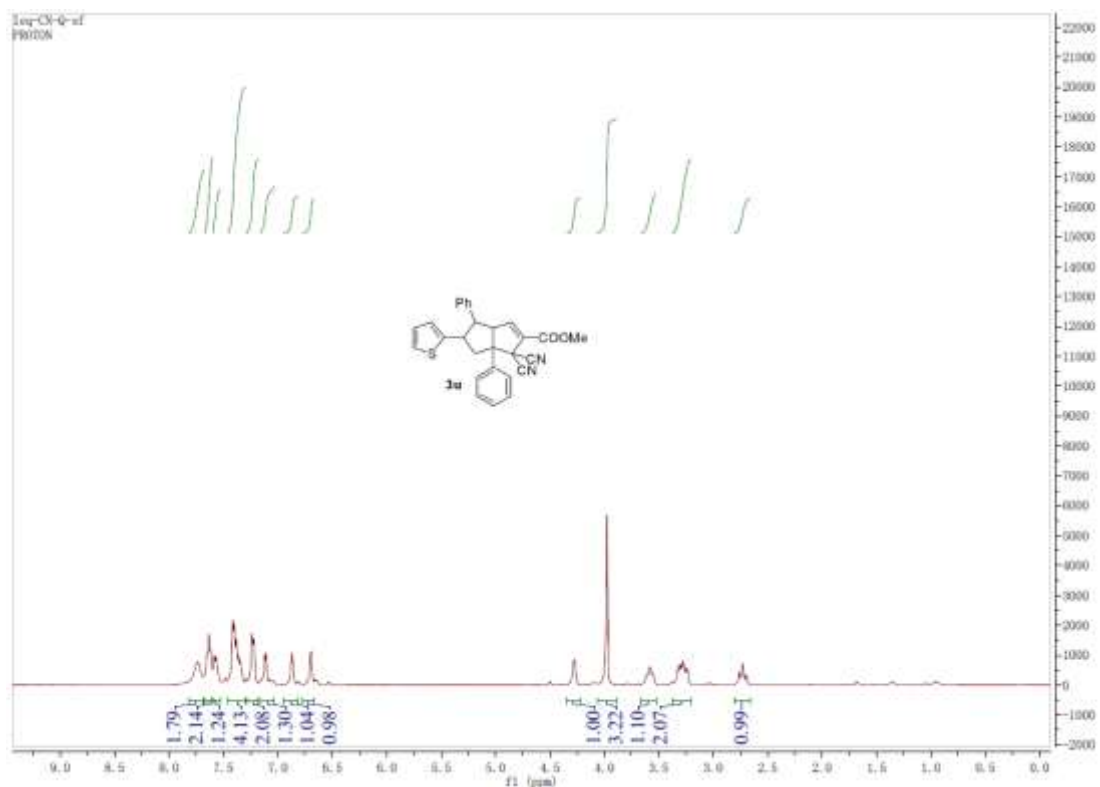


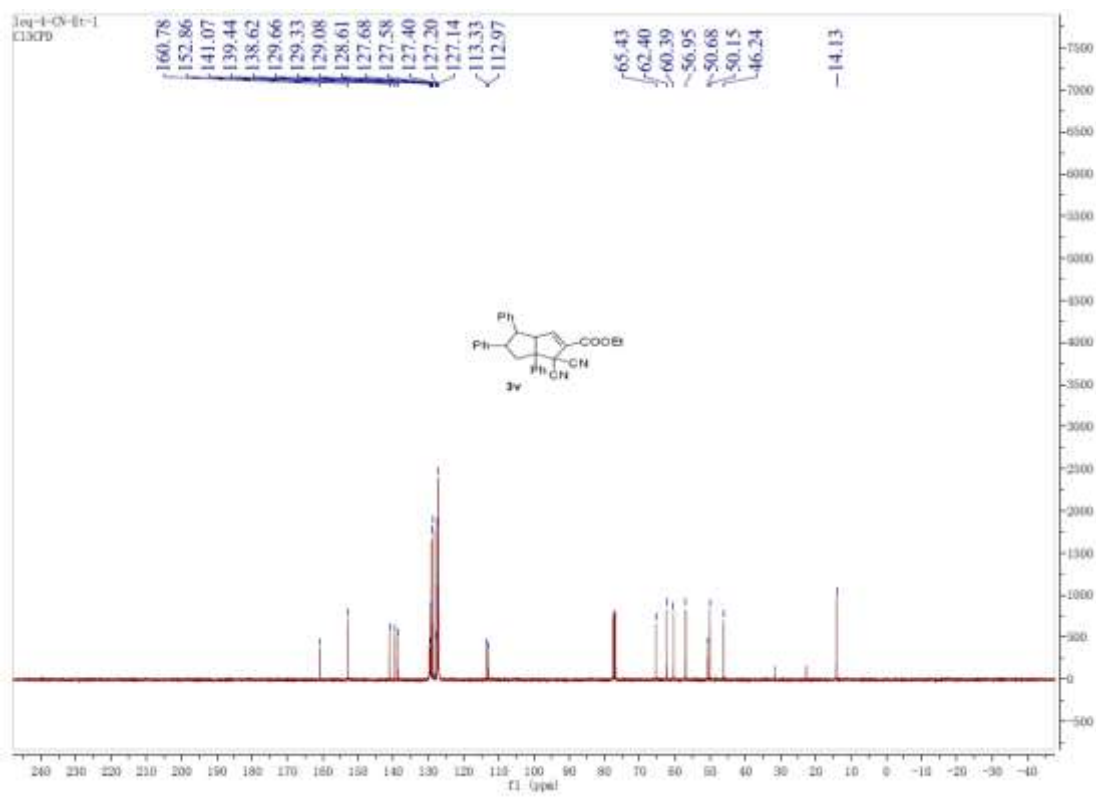
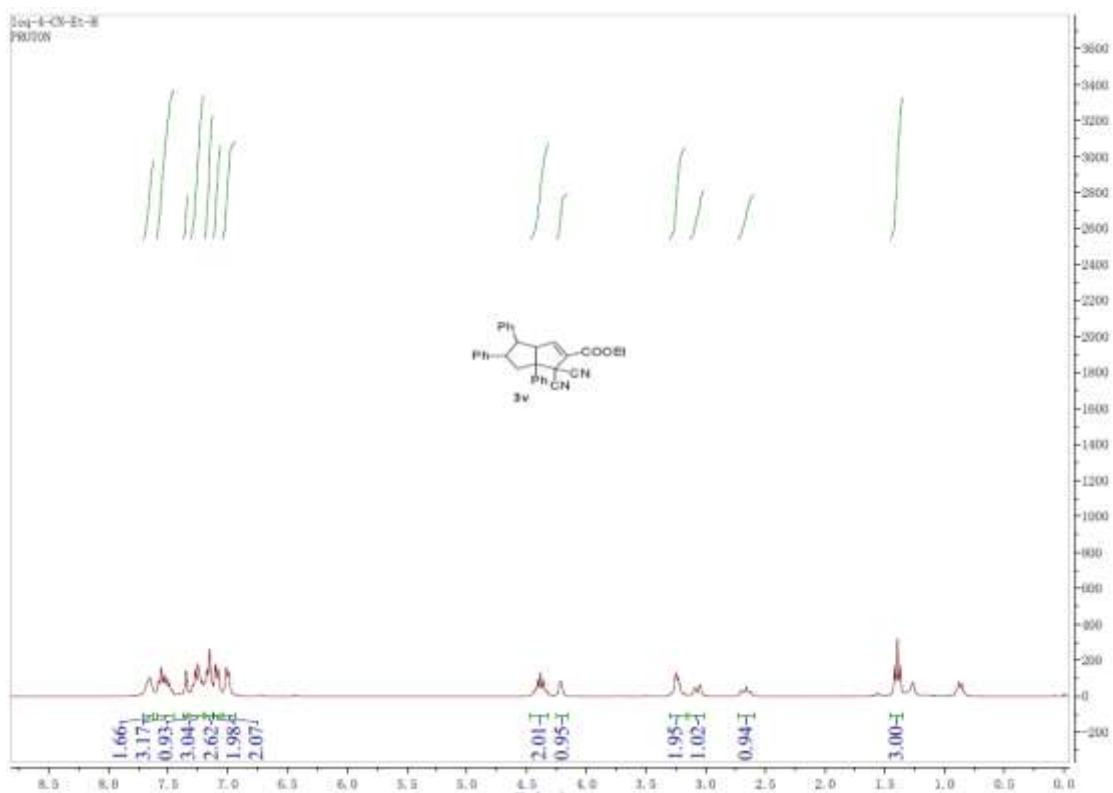


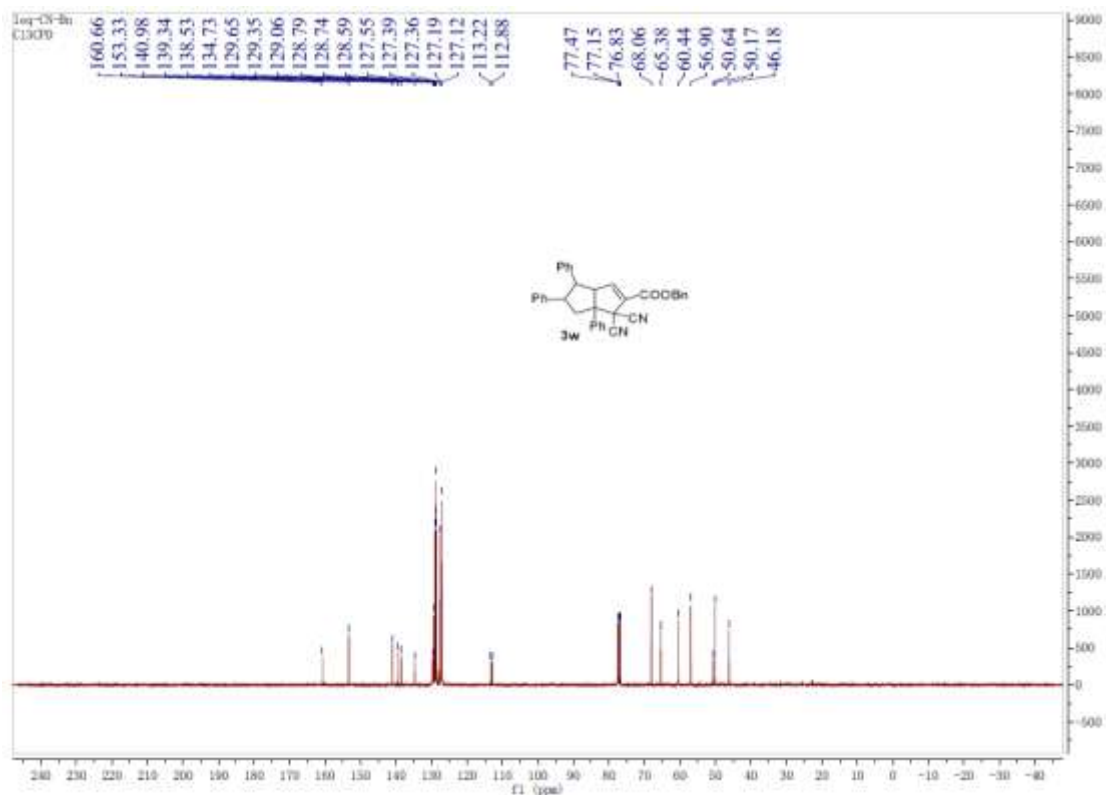
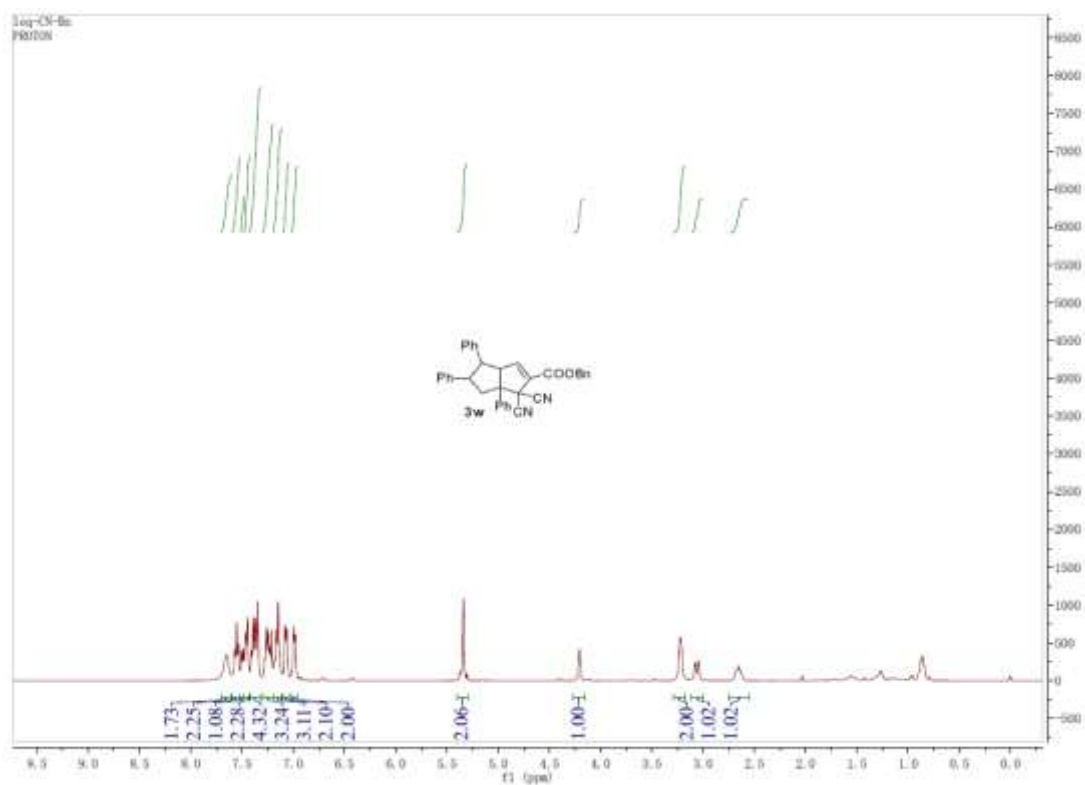


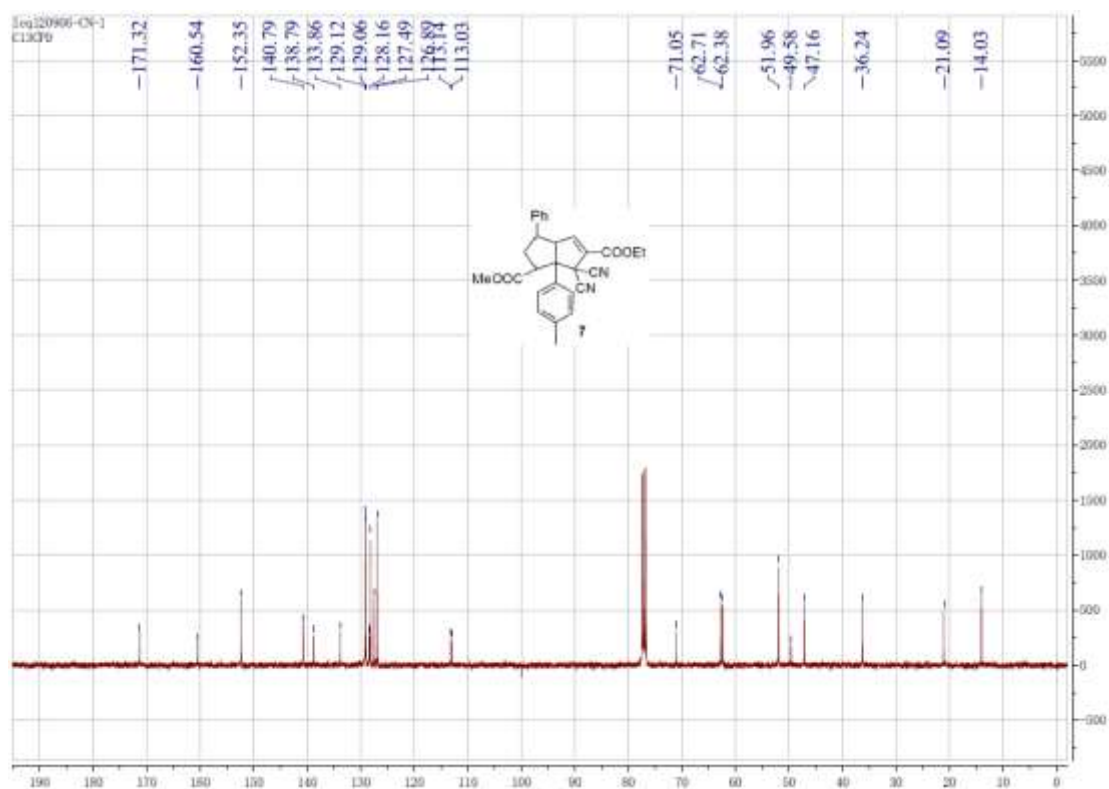
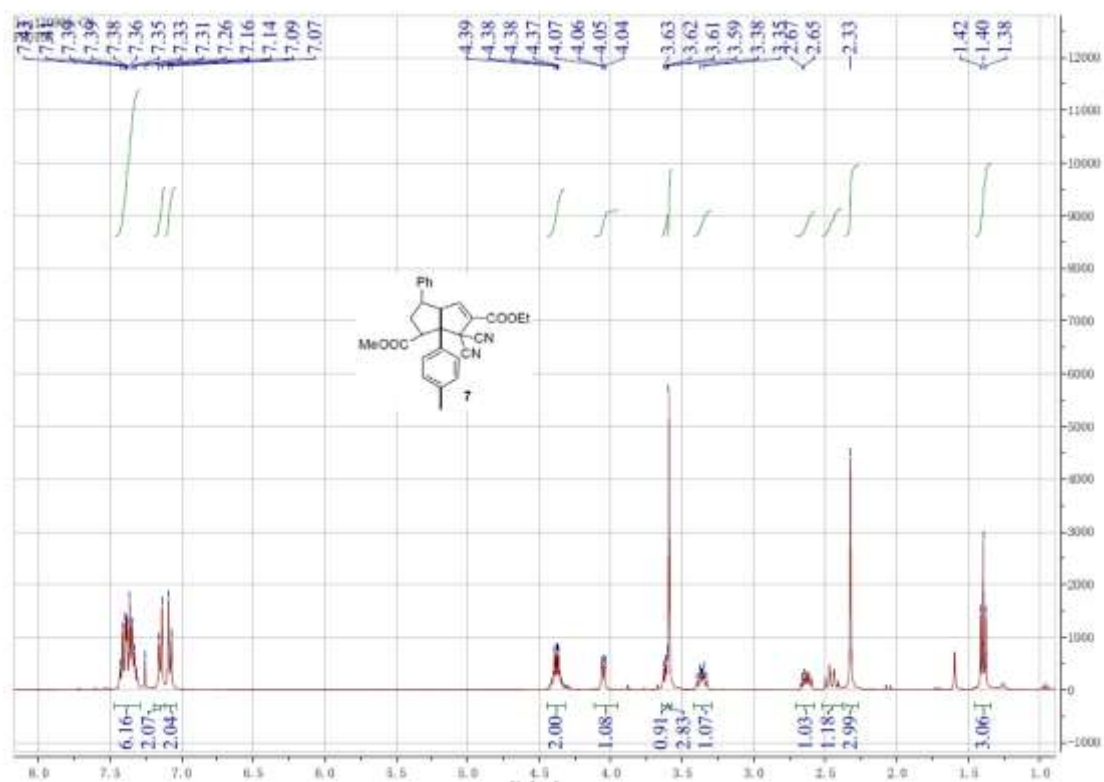












VIII. single-crystal X-ray analysis 3a.

